



Raptor Ridge



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**Pinot Noir
Meredith Mitchell
Vineyard**

94 Points Meredith Mitchell 2012	<i>Wine Spectator Insider: Nov 26, 2014</i> Fresh and vital, with juicy blackberry and boysenberry flavors on a mint-accented frame. Taut, focused and very long. Has presence and impressive definition. Drink now through 2022.—H.S.
92 Points Meredith Mitchell 2010	<i>Wine Spectator Insider: July 24, 2013</i> Vivid, vibrant and beautifully sculpted, this reins in the tannins to gently underline the juicy cherry, raspberry and floral flavors, persisting on the lively finish. Drink now through 2020.—H.S.
93 Points Meredith Mitchell 2010	<i>The Tasting Panel: Jun 2013</i> Exemplary Oregon pinot—Bright, racy and pure with juicy cherry and raspberry fruit; lively and bracing with great structure and depth; charming & long.
89 Points Meredith Mitchell 2010	<i>Wine & Spirits: Apr 2013</i> Ash and root-cellar scents frame cherry-compote flavors. The modest acidity makes it feel a bit loose, but there's plenty of tannin to close.
92 Points Meredith Mitchell 2009	<i>Wine Spectator: Feb 28, 2013</i> Bright and jazzy, this is light on its feet and brimming with raspberry, green tea and spice flavors. Lingers impressively with a hint of mineral character on the finish. Drink now through 2019. — HS
Meredith Mitchell 2006	<i>PinotFile: Dec 2008</i> "A plush palate of dark berries, earth, meat and game with a barely noticeable nerve of acidity. Admirable integration of oak and alcohol. Substantial tannins may require more time to meld."
90+ Points Meredith Mitchell 2006	<i>Wine Advocate: Oct 30, 2008</i> "The 2006 Pinot Noir Meredith Mitchell Vineyard is dark ruby-colored with an alluring perfume of cedar, spice box, mineral, black cherry, and black raspberry. Plump and layered on the palate, the wine has a solid structure, several years of aging potential, and incipient complexity. Give it 3-4 years in the cellar and drink it from 2012 to 2021."
Two Out of Three Clusters Meredith Mitchell 2006	<i>Northwest Palate: May/June 2008</i> "Deep and brooding purple color leads to rich aromas of plum and barrel toast, violet blossoms, and smoke. Equally dense on the palate, lush and ripe plum and blackberry flavors are concentrated, yet well-crafted acids and tannins provide a boundary to contain the fruits' power, thereby lending elegance and grace. Additional notes of smoke, mocha, tea leaf, and tobacco add interest. Mouthfilling and juicy, complex and compelling, serve with a haunch of roasted venison - but save a few bottles for the cellar."

<p>91 Points Meredith Mitchell 2006</p>	<p><i>Wine Spectator Insider: Apr 23, 2008</i></p> <p>"Bright and beautifully focused, showing off its raspberry and blackberry fruit to the hilt as the soft tannins slide serenely underneath. There's acidity here as well, but it doesn't take over."</p>
<p>89 Points Meredith Mitchell 2005</p>	<p><i>Wine & Spirits: Aug 2007</i></p> <p>"From one of the older vineyards in the new McMinnville AVA, this wine shows the appellation's strengths, its dark fruit scents accented by a root-cellar earthiness. Pillowy and plush, the black cherry and plum fruit is very ripe and well supported by oak. Cellar for a year at least, then pair with herb-roasted chicken."</p>
<p>91 Points Meredith Mitchell 2005</p>	<p><i>Wine Enthusiast: Jul 2007</i></p> <p>"Pungent with tomato leaf and fresh-turned earth. Young and tight, spicy and earthy, this is a classic example of the Oregon style. The alcohol (presumably ripeness) is significantly lower than in past vintages, and the flavors follow suit. Watch this develop over the next five to eight years."</p>
<p>93 Points, Editors' Choice Meredith Mitchell 2004</p>	<p><i>Wine Enthusiast: May 2006</i></p> <p>"There's plenty of toast for the new-oakies, but it's wrapped around lovely raspberry and plum fruit. Light notes of mint and leather add interest; the wine resonates nicely and gently fades rather than falling off a cliff. Not as massively ripe as the 2003, but equally fine."</p>
<p>90 Points Meredith Mitchell 2003</p>	<p><i>Wine & Spirits: Jun 2005</i></p> <p>"From a vineyard south of McMinnville, in what's known as the central range of the Willamette, this wine shows a lot of warm, chocolaty oak when first poured, but with a little air, some lovely aromas of five-spice powder and sweet cherries share the stage. Like the '03 Reserve, made largely from the same vineyard fruit, this wine has a purity of flavor that suggests free-run juice; it's generous, lean and tight, with a touch of heat on the end that might be tamed with a piece of fatty oven-roasted salmon."</p>
<p>91 Points Meredith Mitchell 2003</p>	<p><i>Wine Spectator: May 2005</i></p> <p>"Polished and elegant, brimming with blueberry, currant and plum flavors, shaded with vanilla and a piecrust character that weaves through the long, supple finish. Drink now through 2012."</p>
<p>89 Points Meredith Mitchell 2002</p>	<p><i>Wine & Spirits: Apr 2004</i></p> <p>"This wine is initially very blue and herbal in the glass, cool in tone and clean in flavor, but also a little peppery and short, betraying a youthful exuberance (and a touch of petulance) that will certainly settle with time. Let it rest for nine months, then pour with a wild mushroom tart."</p>