

EIGHT NEW NAMES to KNOW

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AUBICHON *Wines of Presence*

While studying for his doctorate in psychology, Jim Sanders lived with his wife, Kristin, at Beaux Frères, where he also learned a few things about winemaking from Mike Etzel. Since 2006, he has made the Équinoxe bottling at Le Cadeau, which assigns different winemakers a portion of its Parrett Mountain vineyard for individual cuvées. Équinoxe has consistently earned outstanding ratings, and now Aubichon—a partnership of Sanders with Le Cadeau founder Tom Mortimer—is reaching even greater heights with its Pinot Noirs.

"If there is an easy way to do something, chances are we didn't do it that way," Sanders jokes on the winery's website. The results of this painstaking approach are striking, with focused, fruit-centered Pinots of real presence and harmony.

AUBICHON Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge Armstrong Vineyard 2012 (94, \$55)

AUBICHON Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Reserve 2012 (92, \$45)

