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Characteristics: Brick red with a dark core and pale rim. The bouquet exudes wild forest berries, a touch of raspberry distillate, soft smoke, meadow herbs, and nuances of bitter chocolate and pepper. Rosehips, blackberry, toasty notes and a touch of sage and thyme flavour a precise, fine-boned structure with silky tannins and well-integrated acidity. The finish is long and spicy and carried by vibrant freshness.

Origin: Ten to fifteen-year-old vines distributed in four vineyard slopes in Breitenbrunn on the Leithagebirge. This is also the source of the name of this Pinot Noir. The most prominent features for this wine are the limestone and calcareous sandstone of the Mitterberg and Grosskirchenried sites. Goldberg and Weiern, sites that are marked by mica-schist in various formations, enhance this wine with further mineral facets.

> Vinification: Selective manual harvest the beginning of September 2011 was followed by meticulous sorting in the winery. Grapes and must are moved within the winery through gravity while abstaining from the use of pumps. Spontaneous fermentation in wooden vats at 26-28°C (79-82°F) with manual punch-down and three weeks maceration followed by malolactic fermentation and 18 months maturation in used small oak barrels. Bottled mid May 2013.