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## Pinot Noir "Cincuenta y Cinco" 2013

**92 Points**

(aged for 14 months in French Oak): Bright medium red. Pungent aromas of cranberry, pomegranate, raspberry, minerals and sandalwood, plus a hint of peppery spices. Silky and quite dry, showing lovely inner-mouth clarity and lift but only moderate flesh and sweetness. The adamantly dry finish hints at fresh herbs and spices. I never would have guessed that this Pinot was carrying 14% alcohol. Needs time to unwind but will it eventually blossom in the bottle? With 24 hours in the recorked bottle, this wine showed intriguing aromas of mint and quinine and a distinctly silkier texture, with a sweet, savory raspberry flavor emerging. The wine performed admirably in a flight of 2012 red Burgundies I happened to be tasting and I raised my score accordingly.

-Stephen Tanzer