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2008

Bella Una[®]

Russian River Valley

Pinot Noir

Harvest Notes

Spring along the Sonoma Coast was one of the coldest on record; we endured 28 days of frost protection in March and April. We also experienced a second year of drought with rainfall well below average. These two factors would set the stage for early flowering, low yields (compromised by the frost) and a very early harvest. A cool and dry summer, with low mildew and rot pressure, forced us to be more aware of water stress in the vineyard and irrigate as needed. By fall, warm temperatures and an August/September heat spike forced us to harvest some vineyards almost a month early. The resulting low yields and stressed vines produced grapes with tremendous power, color and outstanding potential.

Winegrower Notes

Selected blocks from two of our small growers are united to create this exceptional blend. In farming each site, our intent is to maximize the unique character and individuality of place while using the most progressive viticultural techniques. The wine also features newer French selections of Dijon 115 and 828. Harvested at night and early morning, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation.

Tasting Notes

Rich and seductive aromas of baking spice and vine-ripened blackberry introduce this powerful and intense Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine's juicy mouthfeel is supported by centered acidity building with fruit through the mid-palate to fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet.

Vineyard Sources

Martinelli & Dutton Manzana

Cooperage

42% new French Oak

Harvest Data

Sept. 10, 2008 & Oct. 8, 2008
Alcohol 14.6%
pH 3.68
TA 0.61

Bottling

March 16, 2010

Cases Produced

296 cases

Fermentation

Cold soaked for eight days,
indigenous yeast fermentation
lasted almost two weeks

Release Date

August 2010