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2009
Sonoma Coast
Pinot Noir

Harvest Notes

The Russian River Valley experienced its third successive drought in the winter/spring of 2009. Colder than average temperatures in the spring pushed the season back by almost three weeks at flowering and fruit set. The summer was cool and dry, with low mildew and rot pressure. Temperatures warmed in July and August, helping to create a very even veraison and setting the stage for a great vintage. The stressed vines produced below average yields, giving us grapes with rich color, vibrant acidity and exceptional balance. We are very excited about the 2009 vintage—it may be our best yet!

Winegrower Notes

Selected blocks from our estate vineyards and a handful of small growers are united to create this blend. Our goal in farming each site is to always maximize the inherent character and unique sense of place of the vines, accomplished by using the most progressive viticultural techniques possible. Our Sonoma Coast blend includes a collection of Pinot Noir heirloom clones such as Calera, Swan, Pommard, and Martini, as well as newer French selections Dijon 115, 667, 777 and 828. Harvested at night or early morning, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation.

Tasting Notes

Bright and detailed aromas of black cherry, red raspberry and autumnal spices introduce this complex and intense Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine's juicy mouthfeel is supported by centered acidity building with intensity through the mid-palate, and on to fine grain tannins at the finish. Balanced and precise, this Pinot Noir drinks well upon release, improving with bottle age and drinking beautifully for five to eight years.

Vineyard Sources

Dutton Manzana, Martaella,
Martinelli, Petersen

Harvest Data

September 2–22, 2009
Alcohol 14.2%
pH 3.68
TA 0.59

Fermentation

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

Cooperage

17 months in French Oak,
45% new French Oak

Bottling

February 16, 2011

Cases Produced

820 cases

Release Date

March 2011