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2009 Bella Una® Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley



Harvest Notes

The Russian River Valley experienced its third successive drought in the winter of 2008 and spring of 2009. The colder than average temperatures in 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. Yields were below average and the stressed vines produced grapes with exceptional color, vibrant acidity, and balance. We are very excited about the 2009 vintage—it may be our best yet!

Winegrower Notes

Selected blocks from two small growers are united to create this beautiful blend. In farming each site, our intent is to maximize the character and individuality of place by using the most progressive viticultural techniques. The wine is also a blend of newer French selections Dijon 115 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

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 the fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, Bella Una is both savory and delicately sweet.

Vineyard Sources

Martinelli and Dutton Manzana

Harvest Data

September 10 & 25, 2009 | Alcohol 14.5% | pH 3.65 | TA 0.64

Fermentation

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

Cooperage

Aged 16 months in French oak (48% new)

Bottling

March 2, 2011

Cases Produced

395 cases

Release Date

August 2011