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2009 Cohn Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma County



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 verasion 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

Planted in 1970, the spectacular Cohn Vineyard would be considered old by California standards. Planted to a massale selection of Pinot Noir (likely Martini 13 and Pommard) our vineyard outdates most other plantings in the Russian River Valley by 20 years. We dry-farm these gnarled vines to produce small and compact clusters with yields of around one ton per acre. Harvested at night, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming, and then berry selected before open top fermentation.

Tasting Notes

This flagship wine from our oldest estate vineyard pours a medium ruby color followed by gorgeously intense aromas of spring flowers, Queen Anne cherries, and roasted herbs. Year after year, the hallmark of this venerable site is producing wines with an ethereally-floral aromatic quality, fine tannins, and a long complex finish.

Vineyard Sources

Cohn Vineyard

Harvest Data

September 8, 2009 | Alcohol 14.5% | pH 3.79 | TA 0.57

Fermentation

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

Cooperage

Aged 16 months in French oak (52% new)

Bottling

March 19, 2011

Cases Produced

276 cases

Release Date

August 2011