



Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2008

Color: Deep rich, ruby color

Aroma: This deep rich ruby colored Pinot perfumes of black cherry, incense, and spice box. There are subtle hints of mineral and toast in the background to add to its complexity. The noticeable (and lingering) aromas of crushed red rose petals only make this wine more beautifully elegant!

Taste: Even with a full mouth-feel, it still has a silky and delicate texture. Dark juicy fruit is crammed into this wine that explodes with blueberries and spice. It has a great acid, fruit, and oak balance that will only get better over the next 3-6 years. Our winemaking team believe it will hold its peak 8-16 more years! Enjoy!

The Year: 2008 began with intense storms that brought high winds and heavy rains to the region, but that soon waned and Napa Valley experienced a dry Spring. The drier soils prompted vines to push out early, providing the “perfect storm” for frigid, dry air to create conditions for the deepest and longest frost period in decades. As Spring progressed there was cooling and rain at bloom, a relatively cool Summer delayed veraison, requiring careful crop thinning then a big hot spell came along in early September. The heat spell ratcheted everyone into high gear as several varieties were coming into ripeness all at once. The red varieties however benefited from long hang times in warm weather providing excellent ripening and a balanced structure. While a lighter than average vintage, 2008 looks to be another where vintners and growers in Napa Valley will continue their well-earned reputation for excellence in the world of wine.

Harvest: October 17, 2008
Brix: 25.5
TA/pH: 0.57/3.43
Bottled: August 2010
Released: January 2011
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 15.6%
Appellation: 100% Napa Valley, 100% 2008 Vintage

Aged in 100% French Oak for 22 months and bottled unfiltered.

