



2008
CHARLES VINEYARD
Anderson Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Charles Vineyard is located in the Southeast part of Boonville along the Anderson creek in the Anderson Valley in Mendocino County. The Charles family has been in Boonville on this property since 1950 when the land was a lumber mill, then a cattle ranch and converted to vineyards in 1999. What makes this an ideal location for Pinot Noir is it's location; the Anderson Valley opens to the ocean so the cool coastal influences on the weather can cause as much as 50 degree fluctuations in temperature in a single day. This vineyard is meticulously tended and contains clones 114, 115, 777 and Pommard on three different root stocks.

Although 2008 was a challenging year for many vineyards in the Anderson Valley because of wild fires, we were very fortunate in that the location of this vineyard allowed it to come through with very little smoke taint. As a precaution, we gently filtered the wine to ensure no residual smoke flavors would be present in the finished wine.

As with all of our Pinot Noir, we cold-soaked the grapes for three to four days and then introduced select yeasts. Once fermentation began, we hand-punched the must in open-top fermenters at least four times a day to keep the temperature and oxygen at the right levels for the yeast to remain active. Once fermentation was over, the wine was gently pressed and aged for 11 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color; deep, rich dusty cherry aromas with some earthy notes; ripe, rich, deep, dusty cherry flavors with earthy notes and some toasty notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Earthy Pinot with nice cherry flavors complemented by some nice toasty oak.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Anderson Valley
Harvest Dates:	September 6-8, 2008
Brix at Harvest:	23.7-25°
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.628g/100ml
pH:	3.7
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in François Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 and 2 year old
Bottled:	August 20, 2009
Production:	390 cases 750 ml

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