

PEDRONCELLI

2009

Pinot Noir

*Russian River Valley
Sonoma County*

Russian River Valley Sources

The Frank Johnson Vineyard continues as a source of Pinot Noir spanning over 20 years. Forty percent of the 2009 vintage is from this vineyard along with two other growers (Harrich and Schneider), all within a few miles of each other. Pinot Noir grown in the cool climate of the Russian River Valley in Sonoma County is regularly influenced by the intrusion of cooling evening fog from the Pacific Ocean a few miles to the west. This natural air-conditioning allows the grapes to develop full flavor maturity over an extended growing season while retaining the all-important natural acidity. Combined with a diverse complexity of soil types along with three vineyard sources creates a wine that reflects all the best of this growing region.

Winemaking

The 2009 season was framed by cool weather and good development in the vineyard. The fruit gained a high concentration of flavor as well as good acidity. The grapes were picked the first week of September, de-stemmed and cold soaked for three days. Fermentation took place over ten days in small stainless steel tanks. Pump-overs were performed three times per day for maximum color and flavor extraction. The round, full and polished texture of this wine comes not only from the high quality fruit but also judicious use of oak—the wine was aged for 8 months in small French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

An elegant, medium bodied Pinot Noir. Aromas are highlighted by the ripe cherries and raspberries with clove and toasted oak accents. In the mouth this wine is soft and velvety with juicy cherry-berry flavors with just a hint of spiciness. The finish is nicely balanced with moderate tannins.



Aging: eight months
French Oak barrels
Alcohol: 14.1%
Acidity: .600g/100ml
pH: 3.67

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