



2009 Pinot Noir

SMALL TOWN
Sonoma Coast

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Tasting Notes | An obvious sibling of our previous two Small Town Pinot, this vintage represents a small departure with the addition of 35% Roberts Road vineyard fruit from the Petaluma Gap to complement our Freestone vineyard sources. Weighing in at just 13.7% alcohol (yes... in CA that actually merits the modifier “just”), the wine has a purplish-ruby color that ultimately appears darker in the glass than we expected. A wonderful and expressive nose of clove, cola nut, bay leaf, pine needles, cherry, mixed berries and candied fruit is followed by broad and rich flavors of black cherry and briary, spicy berry chutney with an apple skin and earth layer adding complexity.

A complete wine with excellent acidity and generously ripe yet balanced fruit, enhanced by a gorgeous herbal note and structured yet inviting tannin. Given its youth and recent bottling, we recommend allowing the wine a brief interlude in the cellar as it prepares to unveil its true nature a year or so down the road.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: late 2011 or early 2012 through 2015
Graceful ageability: 2017+

Analysis | pH: 3.67
TA: 6.2 g/L
Alcohol: 13.7%
Bottling Date: December 2, 2010
Release: Spring 2011
Total Produced: 288 cases

Philosophy | *We prefer to follow the grapes' lead and offer gentle care as the wine emerges from the juice. If a wine asks for help, we provide it. If a wine is happy on its own, we simply let it be and celebrate its unique evolution.*