



2009 Pinot Noir

STILING VINEYARD
Russian River Valley

Label Artist:
Eliza Frye



Tasting Notes | While 2007 was talked about as the “greatest California Pinot vintage ever,” our experience was that 2009 ended up producing more interesting, deeper wines, and the Stiling Vineyard was no exception. An even growing season with just enough heat at the end resulted in grapes that were perfectly ripe, intense, with good acidity and freshness.

Deep ruby red in color, with black cherry, cola, dark berry and spice on the nose, this is classic Russian River Pinot. Rich and velvety with persistent flavors of raspberry, blackberry, plum, and just the right structural hints of subtle oak. Layered, complex and decadent at the same time, with explosive flavor and a wonderfully smooth finish. Unusually for Stiling, this is drinking so well already that it’s hard to resist young, but it will continue to evolve and further reward those who can find the patience.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: early 2012 to 2015
Graceful ageability: 2017+

Analysis | pH: 3.57
TA: 6.3 g/L
Alcohol: 14.6%
Bottling Date: December 2, 2010
Release: Fall 2011
Total Produced: 183 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.*