



SARACINA PINOT NOIR 2007

Vintage Information

Mendocino County 2007
Production of 185 cases

Varietal Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Bottling Date

August 20, 2008

Technical Data

14.2% alcohol by volume
0.65 gm/100 ml titratable acidity
pH 3.64

Release Date

September 1, 2009

Vineyards

The Corby Vineyards in Philo lie in the heart of the Anderson Valley. Our block, which sits on southwest facing, gently sloped benchland, is planted to the Pommard clone. The vineyard offers all that makes Anderson Valley so special and ideally suited to Pinot Noir: well drained soil, cool climate, very cold evenings and prodigious fog.

Harvest

In 2007, crop levels were lower in Anderson Valley. Our block yielded just under three tons per acre. Late August and September, the crucial months for Pinot Noir grapes, were perfect, with average daily highs of 80 degrees and very cool evenings. Sugar/acid ratios were ideal. We picked at day break on September 24 when the temperature was a chilly 45 degrees.

Winemaking and Cooperage

The grapes were harvested by hand, de-stemmed and gently fed into an open top tank with about 50% whole berries. The must was a frosty 47 degrees. Native yeast fermentation began ten days later and was complete by October 14. We drained the free-run juice directly into Francois Freres, Allier barrels, 25% of which were new. Native malolactic fermentation was complete by the end of February. We racked the wine just three weeks prior to bottling, and we bottled unfiltered on August 20, 2008.

Winemaker Alex MacGregor

Consulting Winemaker David Ramey

Winemaker's Comments

Generally, the Anderson Valley produces an elegant, nuanced, silky style of Pinot Noir. Our goal was simply to respect the fruit and the vineyard so that those attributes expressed themselves. The nose is compelling, with perfumed, spicy cherry and plum fruits and subtle oak undertones. The palate exhibits very supple tannins and balanced acidity. This wine will age well for the next five years. In short, this wine exemplifies Pinot Noir from a banner year and a superb site.