



2000 Estate Pinot Noir - *High Density*
Small Lot Collection

24 cases produced, \$30/bottle

Release Date 12.01.01

production

Enduring naturally stressed conditions due to its 4'x3' spacing, this one-third acre section has 11 clones of pinot noir which are planted on our estate. With a scarcity of nutrients, water and sun due to the increased vine competition, this section's roots dive deeper searching for food, forcing lower yields and pulling more mineral characteristics into the finished wine. 25% stem inclusion. Yields at 1.2 lbs/plant. Total skin and stem contact averaged 30 days (7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks of fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine was hand-bucketed 2 gallons at a time directly into barrel (30% new French oak: Sirugue), where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until the waning moon cycle of June, when it was gently pressure-racked for the first time and prepared for bottling in December. 13.5% alcohol.

tasting notes

Brilliant garnet red color. Less overtly fruit driven than the Indigene, though resonant aromas of sour cherry and bacon fat exude from the glass. On the palate, the spicy bacon character is quite pronounced, framed by an extremely delicate texture.