



## **2008 Estate Pinot Noir – Terraces** *Small Lot Collection*

435 cases produced, \$46/bottle

Release Date 03.19.09

### **production**

From the west side of our estate, the three undulating slopes of Terraces lie completely exposed to the elements facing severe wind pressure, several sun exposures and challenging drainage issues. This 4.9 acre block is planted on clay loam and limestone soils wrapping 120° around Carrie's block. Five clones: Swan, Mount Eden, 115, 667 and 777, form a unique combination of old California Selections and newer dijonnaise clonal material. This site's soils, elevation, aspect and clonal diversity weave thematically through this wine creating an array of diverging and intriguing expressions. The fruit was fermented in small (1.5 ton) open-top fermenters. 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 transferred directly into neutral barrel where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until April, when it was gently raked for the first time and prepared for bottling in December. 25% stem inclusion. Neutral oak. Yields at 2 lbs./plant (1.8 tons/acre). 14.5% alcohol.

### **tasting notes**

*An intense collection of concentrated blue and red fruit aromatics of blueberry and cherry intermix with floral components of white sage, violets and lilies. An intriguing composition of black tea, persimmon, pit fruit and drift wood interweaves throughout this bouquet. The palate impression is dense and round, while also remaining light, and fleshes out this complexity leaving the mouthfeel satiated for an extended period.*

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