



2009 Estate Pinot Noir – Terraces
Small Lot Collection

468 cases produced, \$48/bottle

Release Date 03.18.11

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-rich loam and calcareous shale wrapping 120° around Carrie's block. Five clones: Swan, Mount Eden, 115, 667 and 777, form a unique combination of old California selections and 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 fact that this block also receives very little morning sun, unlike its sibling Carrie's, contributes to the earthy and mineral components. 40% stem inclusion. Yields at 3.2 tons/acre. 14.5% alcohol.

tasting notes

Garnet and ruby-red in color, this wine is distinctly rich and more earth driven. Aromas of red berry compote, bramble berry and dragon fruit interweave with spices of sandalwood, sage, mustard seed and molasses. Hints of minerals and green peppercorns also lurk in the background. On the palate, it is supple carrying a sublime and velvety texture. The wine finishes generously and savory leaving the mouth stained with its complexity and minerality.

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