

2006 Estate Pinot Noir – Terraces Small Lot Collection

772 cases produced, \$52/bottle

Release Date 03.21.08

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. 60% stem inclusion. Yields at 3.9 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 transferred directly into barrel (20% new Sirugue French oak), where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until April, when it was gently pressure-racked for the first time and prepared for bottling in July. 14.9% alcohol.

tasting notes

A bevy of floral and earthy components immediately emanate from the glass such as star jasmine, white rose, fiddlehead, sea foam and ripe root vegetables. Fruit nuances of strawberry gelatin, red currants and watermelon are prolific while spices of pink peppercorns and apple cider thrive in the background. On the palate, the wine tantalizes the senses with its deceivingly rich and luxurious mouth feel. The Terraces finishes with a dense texture that has finesse yet is savory, satiating and long-lasting.

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