



## 2009 PINOT NOIR, LA CRUZ VINEYARD, SONOMA COAST

In 2009 we purchased two small lots of beautiful Pinot Noir from the Keller family in the Sonoma Coast's Petaluma Gap. The Keller Estate's La Cruz vineyard is carefully planted up and over a hillside in the Petaluma Gap, the windy, chilly southwestern corner of the Sonoma Coast appellation. We chose rows in the El Coro blocks atop the highest ridge of the estate and facing east. The eastern exposure catches the morning sunlight and is sheltered from the heat of the afternoon sun, ideal conditions for ripening Pinot Noir. The wine is composed approximately equally of clones 115 and 777 and shows a pretty combination of the two. Cold-soak and native yeast fermentation were followed by very gentle pressing and malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. During the last six months in barrels the wine was racked once, then fined with a tiny amount of bentonite and isinglass to settle out the haze.

100 cases were bottled unfiltered April 27, 2011.

Harvest	September 10, 2009
Sugar	24.7 ° B
Titrateable acidity	5.83 grams per Liter
pH	3.52
Finished wine	
Alcohol	14.4 %
Titrateable acidity	6.10 grams per Liter
pH	3.61

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