



Our 2009 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a blend of three primary vineyards. Two of these vineyards, Gap's Crown and Terra de Promissio, are located in the southern portion of the Sonoma Coast appellation lying directly in the path of both the Petaluma Gap's Pacific Ocean cooling and the maritime influence of the San Pablo Bay. The third component is a new addition from the northwestern reaches near Annapolis, the Walala Vineyard. The wines from the Petaluma Gap region are rich, voluptuous and structured with dark red fruit, deep texture and broad structure. The wines from Walala are red fruit driven with clean earth, a slight spice, elegant structure and a complex core. We recommend drinking this wine between 2013 and 2019.

AROMATICS: Focused cherry and ripe cranberry envelop the glass, followed by intense black plum, sage, and Herbs de Provence. In the background there is a dusting of cocoa, lavender and rose.

ON THE PALATE: Dark red and blue fruits drive down the center of your palate and slowly melt into all areas of the mouth. Focused acidity and supportive tannins carry the rich dark fruit character towards the midpalate, followed by creamy black cherry and cranberry. The intense start is followed by a slow release of complex flavors and textures which lead to a long and lingering finish.

SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR 2009

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD SOURCES:

Gap's Crown, Terra de Promissio and Walala

PRIMARY FERMENTATION DETAILS

HARVEST DATES

Gap's Crown: September 19, 21, 23

Terra de Promissio: September 19, 23

Walala: September 23

COLD-SOAK TIME

5 days average

FERMENTATION TIME

14 days average

FERMENTATION TEMP

86° F peak

BARREL PROGRAM

PERCENTAGE OF NEW FRENCH OAK

45%

BARREL AGING

16 months

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

ALCOHOL

14.5%

PH

3.63

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5.3 g/L

BOTTLING DATES

January 26-28, 2011

