



2011 ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

TWOMEY

BEN AND DAN'S NOTES

Our 2011 Twomey Anderson Valley Pinot Noir is a perfect example of Pinot from this premier Mendocino County appellation. It has a vibrant blood-red plum color and a nose of fresh cranberries, strawberries, moist earth, Christmas spices and a hint of dark chocolate. This multifaceted wine has a fruit-sweet attack redolent of red forest berries. It expresses the essence of Anderson Valley Pinot Noir as it walks a fine line between detailed focus on the one hand and ripe, plushness on the other. It has a particularly long finish, displaying fine-grained tannins and perfect acid balance. Given proper cellaring, it will give drinking pleasure through 2022.

NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The 2011 growing season was characterized by the coolest and wettest weather in recent memory. The substantial winter rains replenished the soil profiles. The weather continued mild and cool throughout the entire growing season. Budbreak was in mid-March, slightly later than normal and the unsettled, cold conditions and intermittent rain during bloom resulted in substantially lower crops than normal. The damp spring brought botrytis and mildew pressures, and attentive viticulture was more important than ever. Summer conditions were quite cool and windy and delayed growth by up to three weeks. Finally, in September, a week of mid-90s temperatures brought a much needed push to ripeness and skin maturity. Picking began in mid-September at Ferrington Vineyard, with the three clones ripening four to eight days apart, illustrating dramatic clonal differences. At Monument Tree, with skin ripeness not quite optimal, the decision was made to ride out the October 3rd rainstorm which brought over one inch of rain. The receding clouds took with them the last remnants of greenness in the skins, and on October 7th, the whole vineyard was picked with exceptional balance and purity. The resulting wines were at once elegant and fully expressive of a harvest which more closely resembled a European vintage than anything we have seen in California in decades. There is a freshness and fruit-sweetness in the wines that adds deceptive weight to a delicate and wonderfully complex vintage.

VINEYARDS

Monument Tree Vineyard, Estate Owned, Sustainably Farmed

Ferrington Vineyard, Sustainably Farmed

HARVEST DATES: September 16th- October 7th

BARRELS: French Burgundy, 40% new

BARREL AGING: 12 months sur lies

RELEASE DATE: April 27, 2013

ALCOHOL: 13.1%

TA: 0.56

pH: 3.52

