



2011 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

TWOMEY

BEN AND DAN'S NOTES

Our 2011 Twomey Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a beautiful wine driven by pure fresh fruit. It has a medium-dark ruby color and a nose of cherry pie with hints of raspberry, jasmine and rose petal. It has a vibrant fruit-sweet attack, elegant body and a juicy berry-laden mid-palate. The finish is round and marked by soft, powdery tannins. Given proper cellaring, it will give drinking pleasure through 2020.

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 low cluster counts and lower crops than normal. A storm in early June was particularly damaging to the vineyards that were still in bloom. The damp spring brought botrytis and mildew pressures, and attentive viticulture was more important than ever. Summer temperatures continued quite cool and delayed growth by up to two weeks. Finally, in September, a week of mid-90s temperatures brought a much needed push to ripeness and gave us perfect skin maturity. Picking began in the third week of September and concluded on September 30th. The ripening was so critical that each clone from each vineyard was picked on a different day. The result of this tumultuous growing season was complexity and richness; fully ripe grapes at lower sugar levels with fresh acidity and pure fruit and mineral characters — a great expression of Pinot Noir from a once in a lifetime vintage in California.

VINEYARDS

Gaps Crown Vineyard

Sustainably Farmed

Griffin's Lair Vineyard

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HARVEST DATES: *September 22nd- September 30th*

BARRELS: *French Burgundy, 50% new*

BARREL AGING: *12 months sur lies*

ALCOHOL: *13.2%*

TA: *0.57*

pH: *3.53*

RELEASE DATE: *April 27, 2013*

