



2009 Rincon Vineyard Pinot Noir Arroyo Grande Valley

The 2009 year began with a cold winter which led to some frost damage. Bud break was very even and the remainder of the year was marked by mild temperatures and healthy, even vine growth. An intense heat wave occurred in early September causing many grapes to ripen simultaneously. The harvest in the Arroyo Grande Valley was slightly larger than average and the quality of the fruit was exceptional with concentrated, intense flavors.

- ∞ 100% estate grown pinot noir grapes from Rincon Vineyard
- ∞ Hand harvested September 7- September 9, 2009
- ∞ The yield was 2.06 tons per acre
- ∞ Fermented with native yeasts in open top fermenters
- ∞ Aged *sur lie* for 18 months in French oak
- ∞ 35% new barrels, from the forests of Allier and Vosges
- ∞ Bottled March, 2011

This wine has a spicy bouquet layered with notes of cola, clove, black cherry, and sandalwood. The mid-palate is silky in texture, with flavors of red fruit, mineral, and a distinct earthiness that expresses the masculine attributes of the Rincon Vineyard. This pinot noir pairs nicely with hearty meat dishes like braised short ribs and rack of lamb.