



Growing Conditions

2007 is already being heralded as one of the vintages of the decade. Here on California's Central Coast, the quality of the grapes and the resulting wines are "simply stellar". Cold winter months kept the vines in dormancy later than normal, delaying budbreak and flowering for a few weeks. Dry, semi-drought conditions and moderate temperatures throughout the summer produced gorgeously small, perfect clusters and berries that were balanced and flawlessly ripe at lower sugar levels. The relatively relaxed state of ripening allowed the fruit additional time to develop more aromatic and flavor compounds. The astounding result was grapes with tremendous concentration of flavors, highly developed tannins and lively acidity. Truly exceptional.

Tasting Notes

Sweet black raspberry and blueberry jump from the glass. There is a dried herb component that seems to linger in the glass and reminds me of walking through the vineyard late Summer, through the native dried brush of wild sage and lavender. On the pallet, the wine takes on a more mineral aspect accompanied by dark fruits and earth. The silky tannins add grip to the very long, seamless finish. Give this wine another 1-2 years in bottle and watch its personality unfold over the following 10-15+ years.

Vivid ruby color. Hypnotic aromas of raspberry and blackberry preserves, cinnamon, potpourri and smoky minerals. Deep, weighty and powerful but energetic, offering fresh red berry and Asian spice flavors, with candied rose and anise notes on the back. Finishes with serious punch and superb clarity. Very spicy and rich pinot. 93 points

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Production Notes

96 cases produced
Harvested October 05, 2007
100% Pinot Noir, clone 667 (65%) and clone 4 (Pommard) 35%
2.5 pounds/vine or 2.1 tons/acre
14.6% Alcohol
25% New French Oak
40% Stem Inclusion
Native Yeast for both Primary and Malolactic Fermentations
Not Fined and Not Filtered