



2009

CHARLES VINEYARD

Anderson Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Charles Vineyard is located in the Southeast part of Boonville along the Anderson creek in the Anderson Valley in Mendocino County. The Charles family has been in Boonville on this property since 1950 when the land was a lumber mill, then a cattle ranch and converted to vineyards in 1999. What makes this an ideal location for Pinot Noir is it's location; the Anderson Valley opens to the ocean so the cool coastal influences on the weather can cause as much as 50 degree fluctuations in temperature in a single day. This vineyard is meticulously tended and contains clones 114, 115, 777 and Pommard on three different root stocks.

As with all of our Pinot Noir, we cold-soaked the grapes for three to four days and then introduced select yeasts. Once fermentation began, we hand-punched the must in open-top fermenters at least four times a day to keep the temperature and oxygen at the right levels for the yeast to remain active. Once fermentation was over, the wine was gently pressed and aged for 11 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet in color. Fresh and lively, with juicy wild berry, raspberry and loganberry. This is firm, structured and full-bodied, gaining velocity and depth. Ends with a pretty touch of baked berry pie and red and black licorice notes. Drink now through 2019.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Anderson Valley
Harvest Dates:	September 9, 2009
Brix at Harvest:	24.1°
Alcohol:	14.%
T.A.:	0.56g/100ml
pH:	3.74
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in François Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 and 2 year old
Bottled:	August 20, 2010
Production:	635 cases 750 ml

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