



# SIERRA MADRE *Vineyard*

## 2009 PINOT NOIR SIERRA MADRE VINEYARD SANTA MARIA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

DESIGNATION	ESTATE
APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
SOIL TYPE, SERIES	SANDY-LOAM, GAREY
AVERAGE ELEVATION	402'
VINE SPACING	6' X 6'
EXPOSURE	EAST/WEST
YEAR PLANTED	1997
ROOTSTOCK	5C, 101-14, SO4
CLONES	777 (47%), 115 (29%), 667 (12%), 5 (12%)

Situated in one of the Central Coast's most coveted appellations, the Sierra Madre Vineyard lies near the western edge of the Santa Maria Valley in northern Santa Barbara County. The light-textured, well-drained, sandy-loam soils cultivated here nourish the low-yielding vines to set clusters with small berries intense with flavor, color and concentration, all essential qualities for top-level wines.

Arguably California's coolest grape growing region, this coastal valley is equally well-suited to both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as cold Pacific air blankets the vineyard as the evening approaches. This natural moderation of heat accumulation slows ripening in the developing grapes, allowing for extended "hang-time" to deliver vibrant fruit character, while retaining crisp, fresh acidity in the resulting wines.

The Sierra Madre Vineyard Pinot Noir is owner Doug Circle's celebration of the history of this fine vineyard, as well as its unbounded future potential.

### HARVEST 2009

DATE	9/8 - 9/25/09
BRIX	23.2° - 24.7°

The 2009 growing season delivered long hang-time followed by fall heat, the perfect conditions for ripe flavor development, soft natural acidity, and exceptionally balanced wines.

### WINEMAKING

WINEMAKER	STEVE RASMUSSEN
MONTHS IN OAK	10.5
OAK AGE	35% NEW FRENCH OAK

Winemaker Steve Rasmussen insists on hand-harvesting in the cool morning, a scenario ideally suited to Sierra Madre's unique coastal proximity. At the winery, Burgundian techniques were employed and each clone was gently vinified as an individual lot. The wine was aged in 35% new French oak barrels, imparting a subtle toasty, elegant wood character to the developing wine. At blending time, barrels were selected from the four clones 777, 115, 667 and 5 to form a complex, multi-layered finished wine.

### WINE

PH	3.66
TA	0.56 G/100 ML
ALCOHOL	14.4%
BOTTLING DATE	9/11/10
CASES PRODUCED	616
RELEASE DATE	4/12
ENJOY	DRINK NOW OR HOLD UNTIL 2017-2019

The 2009 Pinot Noir is a deep garnet color with purple hues around the edges. The dark fruit nose is reminiscent of black cherries coupled with opulent red fruits and a pleasant forest aroma. Rich in texture and flavor, this wine will pair nicely with thick grilled steaks, mushroom pasta dishes, and enlightened conversation.

