



2009 Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir

Pelerin Wines

As proprietor of ROAR Wines, Rosella's Vineyard, and partner in The Garys' Vineyard, in the cooler north end of the appellation, Gary Francioni is certainly at the forefront of the reputation of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Sierra Mar Vineyard is his newest project, and one very dear to him. The property has been in his family for three generations, and it occupies a perfect location at the warmer south end of the SLH, at an elevation of 950 feet, near Pisoni Vineyard. Facing slightly more to the east, it receives a bit more of the afternoon sea breeze and is therefore a few degrees cooler on average than Pisoni. This mountainside property consists of exceptionally well drained gravelly soil – containing a high percentage of decomposed granite. Even as a young vineyard, dedication to low yields and careful irrigation and canopy management is engaging the site's vast potential; thanks to Gary, who is a meticulous and ruthless grower in his quest to grow the very finest grapes. We endeavor to put those traits into our impassioned pursuit of great wine.

The aromas and flavors of the 2009 Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir focus mainly on fresh cherries and vanillin with smaller, supporting notes of licorice and black pepper. Overall, the structure of the wine is broad and pleasing, with just a gentle tightening on the finish from a small amount of fine-grained tannin.

Harvested September 25th, 2009

25.1 brix at harvest

Yield: approximately 1.32 tons per acre (on 1 & 1/2 ac.)

0.35 tons of clone 777, and 0.97 tons of clone 828, were hand-picked and fermented together in small vats with traditional punchdowns by hand, and a brief extended maceration.

The wine was stirred gently a few times over the winter, but was otherwise left untouched until final blending and bottling – unfinned and unfiltered.

VINTAGE

2009

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

BARREL AGING

Approx. 15 Months
bottled Jan. 15th, 2011

COOPERAGE

40% new French oak barrels
60% 2 and 3 year old French
oak barrels

PRODUCTION

123 cases

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir