

2010

CHARLES VINEYARD

Anderson Valley

PINOT NOIR

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.

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TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby in color. Flavors on the palate are reminiscent of sweet black cherry and raspberry up front, followed by baking spice and cola. This elegant balanced wine shows minerals and black fruit in its long lasting delicious finish. This wine really shines when paired with food, good food of course. Drink now through 2020.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Harvest Dates: September 27, 2010

Brix at Harvest: 23.3°

Alcohol: 13.9.%

T.A.: 0.526g/100ml

pH: 3.84

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11months in

François Frères French oak,

50% new, 50% 1 and

2 year old

Bottled: August 12, 2011

Production: 690 cases 750 ml

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