

BROPHY CLARK™

Working with small lots, John and Kelley Brophy are able to handcraft each wine and personally handle all phases of the winemaking process. Vineyard blocks are hand-selected by Kelley and John tailors winemaking techniques to each lot, bringing to life the varietal character and vineyard expression of the fruit.



pinot noir

HARVEST

Santa Barbara County began the growing season with cool, dry days. By late August temperatures warmed up significantly and harvest started earlier than expected. The long, cool summer followed by the warmer weather during harvest allowed for excellent color and flavor development along with larger yields than the previous two vintages.

VINEYARDS

This Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir is a blend of several vineyards. The primary vineyard is the Loma Verde Vineyard in Los Alamos. It is a vineyard of gently sloping hills and cool morning fog that warms nicely during the day for excellent flavor and color development. 80% of the blend came from this vineyard and consists of clones 667, 115, 777. About 10% of the finished wine came from the Doctor's vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The remainder is from the Garey and Lucas Vineyards in the Santa Maria Valley.

WINEMAKING

The Pinot Noir grapes were hand harvested into half-ton bins and crushed into temperature controlled tanks. Following a two-day cold soak that promoted excellent extraction of color, aroma and flavor, the lots were inoculated with Assmanshausen yeast to initiate the cool primary fermentation. Additional extraction was achieved by gently pumping over the wine 4-5 times daily until approximately 8 degrees Brix, then only once a day until dry. After pressing, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation and then aged in oak for 16 month.

TASTING NOTES

This 2009 Pinot Noir is an elegant wine with aromas and flavors of ripe cherry and raspberry with a hint of toasty spice and a smooth, soft, supple finish.



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir	TA	6.1 g/L
Appellation	Santa Barbara County	pH	3.66
Vineyard	Loma Verde, Doctor's, Garey & Lucas	Alcohol	13.5%
Harvest	September 2009	Bottling date	March 5, 2011
Oak Aging	16 Months	Production	1000 cases

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