

MARK MORETTI

Winery

Winemaker's Notes

2005 PINOT NOIR **Anderson Valley**

In the Vineyard...

Our 2005 Pinot Noir is our first offering from a vineyard farmed using sustainable agricultural practices. Located outside of the town of Philo in cool Anderson Valley, this gentle sloping vineyard is planted with Pinot clones 115, 667 and 777. The southern facing hillside provides just enough exposure to bring out the black cherry, earth and soft tannins notable to this vineyard.

In the Winery...

Our philosophy for this Pinot Noir was to practice as little intervention as possible. After receiving the fruit, we avoided any sulfite additions and destemmed to whole berries for fermentation. We fermented relying solely on the native yeasts of the must. (No inoculation of cultured yeast was necessary). New french oak barrels were used during the aging process and the lees were occasionally stirred to optimize extraction.

Summary of Activities:

Harvest: 09-26-05

Crushed: 09-27-05

Yeast: Native only

Bottled: 09-02-06

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