



2009 "Prospector's Reserve" Pinot Noir ~ Bayliss-Bower Vineyard

Winemaker's Notes ~

"The 2009 vintage had the potential to produce wines of very high alcohol due to a warm dry summer. Since we strive to make wines of elegance and balance, this was a concern for us. Due in part to superb vineyard management practices and the high quality of our estate vineyard site we were able to pick fruit that was at its peak in terms of ripeness, tannin maturity and balance between sugar content and acid levels.

The "Prospector's Reserve," named in honor of the Miner whose legend provides the name for our estate, is a limited bottling of a four barrel blend. The barrels chosen for this blend were selected because of some unique quality they exhibited that made them stand out above and beyond the rest of the barrels in the cellar. There is one barrel of each of the four main clones from the oldest part of the vineyard. Equal parts Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 777 and Dijon 114.

The wine shows incredible intensity in the aromatics with a slightly lifted tone. Deep rich cassis, blackberry, cherry, anise, leather, cocoa and exotic spices of the Mediterranean can all be found in the complexity of the nose. The mouth shows a fullness that entices you to ponder the layers. Excellent in balance of alcohol and acidity, this is not a Pinot for the faint of heart. It will pair well against dishes of richness as well as red meat that would often call out for a fuller bodied big red."

85 (750 ml / 12 bottle) cases were produced, as well as 4 cases of magnums from the 2009 vintage.

13.5% Alcohol 3.62 ph 25% New French Oak

Harvested: September 26, 2009 Bottled: September 30, 2010

Retail: \$60/btl ~ \$324.00 / 6 pack (Believer's Club \$51 / btl or \$306 / 6pack)

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