



HARTFORD
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FAR COAST VINEYARD

SONOMA COAST • PINOT NOIR

2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our Far Coast Vineyard is a cool site surrounded by redwood forests, almost two hours north of the Russian River, on a Sonoma Coast mountain ridge. It is an area that some call the “True Sonoma Coast.” Others would simply describe the distant vineyard site as “the middle of nowhere.” Far Coast Vineyard sits at an elevation of about 900 to 1200 feet above sea level. The soils of this ridge-top site are well drained and help to intensify the sense of minerality and focus in this rare, single vineyard Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Intense dark cherry, pomegranate and cola aromas complement dark cherry and juicy blackberry flavors in this single vineyard “true coastal” gem. Mineral, coffee, cola and Asian spice nuances lead to fine grained and silky tannins on the finish. This is a great example of true Sonoma Coast ridge-top terroir.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 45% new
Time in oak: 15 months
Yeast: Native
Alcohol: 14.6%
TA: 5.5 g/L
pH: 3.64
Cases produced: 350
Unfined and unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2009: **“Outstanding” 92 points**, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2011
- 2007: **“Outstanding” 93 points**, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2010
- 2007: **“Excellent” 93 points**, Steve Heimoff, *The Wine Enthusiast*, July 2009
- 2007: **“Outstanding” 92+ points**, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
- 2006: **“Outstanding” 93 points**, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
- 2005: **“Superlative” 95 points**, *Wine & Spirits*, April 2008
- 2005: **“Outstanding” 93 points**, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2007
- 2005: **“Outstanding” 91 points**, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2007
- 2005: **“Excellent” 93 points**, Steve Heimoff, *The Wine Enthusiast*, September 2007