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FOG DANCE VINEYARD

GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • PINOT NOIR

2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

2009 was a very concentrated and low yielding vintage for our Pinot Noir vineyard in the Green Valley of Russian River Valley. Although youthful, this 2009 Fog Dance Vineyard Pinot Noir provides a glimpse of the balance and structure that this outstanding vintage offers. The Fog Dance Pinot is from our organically farmed, estate owned Pinot Noir vineyard. This gorgeous vineyard was planted, beginning in 1996, upon the locally famous Goldridge fine sandy loam soils (sometimes referred to as “moon dust” due to its ultra-fine and almost “fluffy” texture) using primarily Dijon selections 667 and 777 clones.

The Fog Dance Vineyards, Green Valley Pinot Noir bottling is named for the dance performed by the Pacific fog, drifting through the vineyards and back again to the sea each day. This wine reflects its cool Green Valley terroir, showing the brightness and purity of cherry, berry and cranberry flavors along with an elegant and refined texture.

TASTING NOTES

Pure aromas of Queen Anne cherries, rose petals and lavender are supported by bright flavors of Griotte cherries, berries and orange zest. Velvety, fine grained tannins complement a long lavender and mineral finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 40% new
Time in oak: 15 months
Yeasts: Native
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: 5.6g/L
pH: 3.66
Cases produced: 350
Unfined and unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2009: **“Outstanding” 93 points**, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2011
- 2008: **“Outstanding” 92 points**, Robert Parker’s, *The Wine Advocate*, February 2011
- 2008: **“Exceptional” 92 points**, *Wine & Spirits*, April 2010
- 2007: **“Outstanding” 93 points**, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
- 2007: **“Outstanding” 94 points**, Robert Parker’s, *The Wine Advocate*, February 2010
- 2006: **“Exceptional” 93 points**, *Wine & Spirits*, April 2009
- 2006: **“Outstanding” 91 points**, *Wine Access Magazine*, April 2008
- 2006: **“Outstanding” 90 points**, *The Wine Spectator*, September 2008
- 2005: **“One of America’s 27 Best Pinor Noir Values,”** *Food & Wine*, March 2007