



HARTFORD
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SEASCAPE VINEYARD

SONOMA COAST • PINOT NOIR

2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Seascape Vineyard sits on a panoramic site on a scenic ridge top west of the town of Occidental in the Sonoma Coast AVA. The vineyard abuts an old redwood grove and faces cascading ridges to Bodega Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The well-known Coastlands Vineyard also borders the property. Since there is no ridge between the ocean and the vineyard, Seascape is an extremely cold spot – so cold that Pinot Noir is often picked here in November. This cold and often foggy coastal climate preserves natural acidity in the grapes and helps delineate the purity of fruit flavors and expression of the unique coastal terroir in this wine. Balanced natural acidity also accentuates the potential for long and graceful aging of Seascape Vineyard Pinot Noirs.

Seascape Vineyard is planted primarily to Dijon selections such as 777, 114 and 115 with a smaller amount of the Swiss Wadenswill clone. Seascape only averages about one ton per acre, which helps to ensure thorough physiological maturity in this cool and challenging site.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blackberries, roasted plums and sassafras highlight the 2009 Seascape Vineyard Pinot Noir. An opulent mouthfeel with silky, fine grain tannins, exotic plum and sassafras flavors, along with a very long finish, accentuate this distinctive cool climate Pinot Noir.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 45% new
Time in oak: 15 months
Yeast: Native
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.74
Cases produced: 250
Unfined and unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2009: **“Outstanding” 91-92 points,** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2012
- 2009: **“Outstanding” 94 points,** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2012
- 2009: **“Outstanding” 92 points,** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2011
- 2007: **“Superb” 95 points,** Steve Heimoff, *The Wine Enthusiast*, April 2010
- 2007: **“Outstanding” 92 points,** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
- 2006: **“Outstanding” 91 points,** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
- 2004: **“Outstanding” 91 points,** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2006
- 2003: **“Outstanding” 90 points,** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2005