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VINEYARDS

RELIZ CREEK

SINGLE VINEYARD
PINOT NOIR
ARROYO SECO · MONTEREY
2011



"Our Reliz Creek Pinot Noir comes from the Arroyo Seco region in Monterey, a perfect place for growing this Burgundian varietal because of its long, cool growing season. An elegant wine, this Pinot Noir has silky tannins and deep fruity flavors."

- Karl D. Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker

VINEYARD

For five generations, our family has been dedicated to the art of winemaking and to the philosophy that the quality of a wine originates in the vineyards. Our Single Vineyard Reliz Creek Pinot Noir is sourced exclusively from our family's Riva Ranch Vineyard in Arroyo Seco, Monterey. The wine is named after the creek that runs through this vineyard. Arroyo Seco is the ideal region to grow this Burgundian varietal because of the long, cool growing season, which allows the grapes to fully ripen and develop deep fruit flavors. The gravelly-loam soils found here, rich with shale and limestone deposits, impart desirable earthy and mineral qualities to the wine. There are several blocks dating back to 1963, which are planted with old Pommard and Martini clones. Neighboring these are much more recent, high-density plantings that include a variety of new clones. All of the fruit is hand-picked and sorted.

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION This wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks where it was gently pumped over twice daily. Pumping over the fermented must helps to increase the extraction of all the wonderful aromas and textures within the grape.

AGING Aged for 20 months in American, Eastern European, and neutral oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas and flavors of cherry, strawberry and vanilla, with subtleties of toasted oak, earth and cigar box. This Pinot Noir is bright with crisp, natural acidity, delicate tannins and a long fruity finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL 13.5%
pH 3.50
TA 0.64g/100ml

VINTAGE
HARVEST DATE(S) 09/25-10/07
BRIX AT HARVEST 24.3
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