



**Three Sisters Vineyard Pinot Noir**  
**Sonoma Coast**  
**2009**

**Vineyard Character**

The climate is moderate in this area of the far western reaches of Sonoma County due to the closeness of the body of ocean. This grape studded view lies upon the second ridge inland from the coastline at Fort Ross. Here above the fog line the skies are clear and pristine, yet in the winter the rain falls harder and denser than anywhere else in Sonoma County. The Three Sisters Vineyard consists of two small vineyard blocks: the Meadow, and the Lambing Barn Ridge, as this land was originally used for raising sheep. Both sites are planted with clones 777 and 115 and the soil is a mix of Josephine and Gold Ridge soil.

This petite vineyard is trained on a vertical trellis system with the fruit hanging just 24 inches above the ground. The vines are densely spaced and thinned between two and three pounds of fruit per vine. These practices all insure even ripening and mature fruit character in the wine. The wine is 100% barrel fermented with wild yeast, resting in 50% new French oak for 10 months before bottling.

Case Production: 226

**Tasting Notes**

The 2008 Three Sisters Pinot Noir is a more “feminine” style of Pinot Noir. Flavors consist of bright candied cherry, red apple and strawberry with aromas of rose petal and watermelon.

**Historical Acclaim**

2006 Vintage

- 93 pts. Robert M. Parker, Jr.

**Winemaker:** Bryan Kvamme

**Consulting Winemaker:** Helen Turley