



Moonshine Ranch Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
2009

Vineyard Character

This petite vineyard is densely planted at 2,500 vines per acre and is situated on rocky fertile ground with lots of exposed cobblestones. The rows are North – South oriented which allows for indirect sunlight to have its effect on the even ripening clusters. Three Dijon clones were grafted onto rootstock to match climate behavior and the unique properties of each specific soil series. Intense days were spent digging ‘soil pits’ along the landscape, to analyze the precise make-up of the terroir, then determining which rootstock would flourish best according to its individual growing needs.

Wine Statistics

The grapes are picked at about 25 degrees brix to ensure mature ripe fruit flavors. After picking, the whole berries undergo a long cool fermentation to generate skin contact and expose fruit character and are fermented with wild yeast. It rests in 70% new French oak on its gross lees for one year. This wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized and is unfiltered and unfiltered.

Case Production: 610

Tasting Notes

The 2009 Moonshine Ranch Pinot Noir has notes of cedar wood and barnyard with moderate tannins. Full of lush dark berry flavors, plum, and ripe red apple along with cherry-cola, sassafras, and anise.

Historical Acclaim

2009 Vintage

- 91 points Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
- 90 points. James Laube - The Wine Spectator

2008 Vintage

- 92 points Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
- 90 points Robert M Parker Jr. The Wine Advocate

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