



A study of young and old vines.

THE PARING PINOT NOIR 2011

100% Pinot Noir
Santa Barbara County
Aged in French oak (35% new and 65% neutral)
for 11 months.
Coopers include D&J, Francois Frères, and Remond
Unfined and unfiltered
1053 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S NOTES: Displays the cool, long growing season to perfection. Essence of candied cherries and cigar tobacco. A perfumed nose of exotic spices and black tea. Heady and vivid notes of rose petals, leaf litter, fresh clean earth and black pepper. Its balance between a distinct vinous note and the deep vein of fruit is so inviting. Ripe fruit on the palate, but also very light and vibrant. Lingering acidity and subtle tannins leave an ending impression of elegance and charm. Utterly drinkable at this stage. My favorite Paring Pinot Noir to date. All that is good about the combination of old vines and Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir.

89 POINTS

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