



A study of young and old vines.

THE PARING PINOT NOIR 2009

Sta. Rita Hills
100% pinot noir
92 % from 39 year old vines
Mt Eden and 777 clones
Aged in 35% new French oak (Remond, Damy, Francois Frères) for 11 months
Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
1,316 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S NOTES: Aromatically, the 2009 Paring pinot noir has a savory/sweet balance of complex resin notes—underbrush, pine forest, cedar, incense—alongside a healthy dollop of black cherry and raspberry. Then, as a nod to the wine's cool, windy climate, a black pepper note emerges. The palate is round and supple, yet focused with a solid core of ripe red fruit and spice. Background notes of mineral, smoke and sea brine represent the gifts of age from the older vines. Bright red fruit and the signature Sta. Rita Hills acidity maintain a delicate balance and great length in the wine.

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