



2008 Durell Vineyard Pinot Noir

This Pinot Noir (Clone 115) comes from the acclaimed Durell Vineyard just north of the Carneros appellation in Southwest Sonoma Valley. Clone 115 was originally selected from a vineyard in Morey St Denis, between Gevrey-Chambertin and Vougeot, and is considered a complete clone, because alone, it produces balanced, rich, dark wines. The following excerpted information is derived from the ENTAV International Catalogue for Pinot Noir Clone 115: *Organoleptic characteristics of the wine: strong color with a purplish hue, superior bouquet, elegant rich aroma typical of its type, a hint of small fruits, well structured, tannic, long, suitable for aging.* The wine was handled minimally to help preserve the aromas and structure of the wine. We chose our favorite French oak barrels to age this wine in for over 18 months. Aromas of cherries and raspberry pie precede the bright pomegranate entry and wild strawberry finish. One of the world's most versatile food wines, we love this 08 Durell Vineyard Pinot Noir with Dijon Pork Chops, Stuffed leg of lamb, seared duck breast with a fruity sauce, grilled salmon, earthy mushroom dishes and most veal dishes.

Wine Details

Harvest Dates: September 8&12, 2008

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

American Viticulture Appellation: Sonoma Valley

Barrel Aging: 18 months in 100% French Oak Barrels

Percentage of New Oak: 40%

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.86

Total Acidity: 0.65 g/100mL

Residual Sugar: Dry

Number of Cases Bottled: 316

Bottling Date: February 15, 2010

Suggested Consumption Dates: Drink Now Through 2018