

RED BICYCLETTE

Red Bicyclette 2009 Pinot Noir

Wine Description

Our 2009 Red Bicyclette® Pinot Noir showcases ripe red fruit aromas and flavors of cherry and ripe plum. The wine has a soft, yet full middle palate and a smooth, lingering finish.

Harvest Notes

A dry summer combined with a longer growing season than usual produced grapes of exceptional quality. Budbreak occurred in early spring which was initially wet and cool, but temperatures soon returned to normal levels by April. Flowering began in early June and the summer months remained dry. Harvest (September) brought mildly warm temperatures during the day with cool nights. The longer than usual growing season allowed the berries to ripen slowly and evenly with little threat of disease. Though the crop was smaller than usual, the resulting wines are showing exceptional quality with elegant structure, excellent concentration of flavors and good balance of alcohol, acidity and tannins.

Winemaking Notes

Our 2009 Red Bicyclette Pinot Noir was sourced from the Languedoc Roussillon region in Southern France. The 2009 Pinot Noir grapes were crushed and destemmed, and then fermented in upright stainless steel tanks and rotary fermenters at moderate to warm temperatures (22-28° C or 72-82° F). After primary fermentation was complete, the wine went through malolactic fermentation to soften the acidity and help balance out the tannins. The components were then blended, filtered, and cold-stabilized for bottling.

Finished Wine

Varietal Content: 85% Pinot Noir, 15% Merlot

Varietal Origin: IGT Oc

Titrateable Acidity: 0.50 g/100ml

pH: 3.56

Alcohol Level: 13.29%

Residual Sugar: 0.47 g/100ml