



2009 WINTER'S HILL PINOT NOIR

AVA: DUNDEE HILLS

WHOLE CLUSTER: 50%

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE: OCT. 14TH

ELEVAGE: 100% FRENCH OAK, 0% NEW

BOTTLED UNFINED AND UNFILTERED

PRODUCTION: 100CASES

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

VINEYARDS: WINTER'S HILL



2009 FINISHED WARM AND CLEAR, FRUIT WAS HARVESTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 11TH AND THE 14TH, QUITE LATE FOR THE VINTAGE, BUT STILL AT BRIX LEVELS AT 24 DEGREES. THE EXTENDED TIME ON THE VINE PRODUCED REMARKABLY PURE AND POWERFUL PINOT NOIR WITH GOOD COMPLEXITY, BALANCED BY FINE STRUCTURED TANNINS AND WELL-INTEGRATED ACIDITY.

BLOCK 5 FROM WINTER'S HILL, IS PLANTED IN JORY SOIL, THE CLASSIC RED VOLCANIC SOIL OF THE DUNDEE HILLS. THE CLONE IS EXCLUSIVELY POMMARD CLONE, UNGRAFTED, AND PLANTED IN 1990. THE GLADHART'S EMPLOY A "NO TILL" POLICY IN MANAGING THE VINEYARD, SO THE SOIL IS NEVER TURNED ALLOWING MICROBIAL LIFE TO FLOURISH, AND MAINTAIN THE SOIL HEALTH NEEDED TO PRODUCE UNIQUELY INTENSE PINOT NOIR.

ALL FERMENTS ARE IN 1.5TON BINS WITH NATIVE YEAST AND NO TEMPERATURE CONTROL. PUNCH-DOWNS ARE DONE BY HAND FROM START TO FINISH. AGED 16 MONTHS IN BARREL, THE 2009 WINTER'S HILL IS A 4 BARREL SELECTION. THE WINE SHOWS THE PRETTY CHARACTER OF THE 2009 VINTAGE, THE INTENSE FRUIT TYPICAL OF THE DUNDEE HILLS, AND A DENSE, PERSISTENT STRUCTURE. ITS FRUIT PROFILE IS CLASSIC FOR THE VINEYARD SOUTH DUNDEE HILLS. SUCCULENT, JUICY BOYSENBERRY OVERLAID WITH HIGH-TONED SPICE, AND RICH, LOAMY EARTH.

ALL MATELLO WINES ARE PRODUCED FROM NON-IRRIGATED FRUIT, PROVIDING SITE DRIVEN WINES WITH INDIVIDUALITY AND QUALITY INTACT.