

BROPHY CLARK™

Working with small lots, John and Kelley Brophy are able to handcraft each wine and personally handle all phases of the winemaking process. Vineyard blocks are hand-selected by Kelley and John tailors winemaking techniques to each lot, bringing to life the varietal character and vineyard expression of the fruit.



pinot noir

HARVEST

Santa Barbara County began the growing season with cool, dry days. By late August temperatures warmed up significantly and harvest started earlier than expected. The long, cool summer followed by the warmer weather during harvest allowed for excellent color and flavor development along with larger yields than the previous two vintages.

VINEYARDS

The Garey Vineyard was planted in 1998 by the Robert Mondavi Winery in the heart of Santa Maria Valley. The terroir is one of gently rolling slopes with sandy loam soils. The clones for this wine are Dijon 115, 667 and Pommard. The Goodchild Vineyard is one of the original Pinot Noir vineyards in the Sisquoc Region of Santa Maria Valley owned by Louie Lucas. The clone for this wine is Dijon 667.

WINEMAKING

Pinot Noir grapes were hand harvested into half-ton bins and crushed into small temperature controlled tanks. Following a two-day cold soak that promoted excellent extraction of color, aroma and flavor, the lots were inoculated with Assmanshausen yeast to initiate the cool primary fermentation. Additional extraction was achieved by gently pumping over the wine 4-5 times daily until approximately 8 degrees Brix, then only once a day until dry. After pressing, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation and then aged for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir is a luscious wine with soft edges and rich flavor. This medium-bodied wine displays flavors of Bing cherry, plum and strawberry, followed by accents of vanilla spice and hints of nutmeg. This fruit-forward wine finishes smooth and silky.



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir	TA	0.68g/100ml
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley	pH	3.42
Vineyard	Garey & Goodchild	Alcohol	14.8%
Harvest	October 2010	Bottling date	December 28, 2011
Oak Aging	18 Months	Production	1288 Cases

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