



Fourth Estate Wines
2009 Pinot Noir
La Cruz Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

From this respected vineyard, managed by Keller Estate, comes an elegant yet concentrated Pinot Noir that marries the distinctive La Cruz terroir with 2009's ideal growing conditions.

Vintage characteristics: 2009 was Northern California's best Pinot Noir vintage in seven years. A long, consistent growing season evenly ripened the fruit and produced tight clusters of tiny grapes. Per-acre yields were low, about 1.8 tons to the acre, producing fruit and a finished wine with dark color and intense aromas and flavors.

Clones: 66% La Tache (also called Pisoni), 34% Swan

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.5

Fermentation regime: 100% punch-down fermentation in one-ton lots. Seven-day cold soak, 11-day fermentation, extended maceration.

Barrel Regime: Barrel aged for 11 months in 100% French oak, 35% of which was new (Cadus, Remond, Dargaud & Jaegle.)

Total production: 191 cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

Release date: May 2011

Winemaker notes: The La Tache and Swan clones produce rich fruit and floral notes underpinned by the minerality and structure of the La Cruz terroir. Black cherry, raspberry and lilac flavors predominate now in a complex, evolving wine with the potential to last for years.