

2009 Pinot Noir Roosevelt



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 17 years
Yield: 2.1 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 26 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.65
Bottled: August 2010
12 Bottle Cases
Produced 285

This vineyard was planted in 1993 and has quickly become one of the Willamette Valley's preeminent sites. Roosevelt Vineyard is a four-acre planting situated just south of the winery on Willakenzie soils. The south-facing hillside points to a steep precipice overlooking the magnificent Williams Canyon. It is a high density planting (2100 vpa) spaced approximately one meter by two meters apart. This, our premier Single Vineyard site, undergoes extensive pruning and cluster thinning to limit yields and maximize ripening in order to concentrate the fruit. Following our beliefs in ecological farming we manage this site using complete organic practices. All of these elements combine at this one unique location on our estate property that consistently produces some of Oregon's finest Pinot Noirs to date.

2009 was a vintage of abundance. Ideal springtime weather led to a hot summer, which gave us a beautiful, uniform and potentially prolific crop. Warm temperatures at harvest time lulled some growers into picking late, at potentially high alcohols. The right decision, top winemakers agree, was to get the grapes in while they still had fresh flavors. As always, we showed our commitment to quality by thinning and green harvesting to achieve earlier ripening and better concentration of flavors. As winemaker, Adam Campbell, states "harvest went off without a hitch and we picked the grapes at a deliberate but frankly leisurely pace which allowed focusing on retained acidity." So, vintage 2009 may be remembered as one of those rare combinations of excellent quality and quantity, with the wines showing flash.

Reviews

92 Pts. ~ *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* ~ July/August 2012

"Broad, pliant and alluringly sweet, with lively black raspberry and cherry-vanilla flavors lifted by orange zest and allspice nuances. A building note of candied rose carries through the impressively long, supple finish. This wine is drinking very well now but has the depth to age." — J.R.

91 Pts. ~ *Wine Spectator* ~ Web Only - 2012

"Smooth and velvety, with a bright edge to the ripe cherry and floral flavors, persisting intensely and expressively against refined tannins. Drink now through 2017." — H.S.

90 Pts. ~ *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* ~ October 31, 2011

"Dark ruby red in color, it sports a nose of exotic spices, incense, red fruits, as well as a hint of heat. Savory and long on the palate, this velvety-textured effort will provide optimum drinking from 2012 to 2019." — J.M.