

ELK COVE VINEYARDS



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 13 years
Yield: 2.6 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 24-25.5 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.53
Bottled: August 2010
12 Bottle Cases
Produced: 1,004

2009 Pinot Noir Mount Richmond

This vineyard site was purchased in 1996 in partnership between Adam and his wife Carrie, and parents Pat and Joe Campbell. The motivation for planting this vineyard was to emulate the wine quality from sites such as our esteemed Roosevelt vineyard. This site now holds the honor as the largest vineyard holding of ECV totaling 105 acres. Mount Richmond sits at 300-500 feet elevation, lower than the vineyards planted at the winery, which allows for earlier ripening. Planted in a high-density format (2100 vpa), similar to Roosevelt, it sits in rolling hills just outside the town of Yamhill in the shadow of the Pacific Northwest's Coast Range. The plant material sourced for Mount Richmond now includes both the Old Vine Pommard selection, planted from select cuttings off of Roosevelt Vineyard, and also equal parts of Dijon clone 115 and 777. This vineyard sits on Willakenzie soils and is in the heart of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

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

90 Pts. ~ Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar ~ July/August 2011

"Bright red. High-pitched aromas of raspberry, rhubarb and fresh rose, with a touch of sassafras that gains strength with air. Bright and precise on the palate, offering sappy red fruit flavors that give way to a darker cherry quality on the back half. Fine-grained tannins build on the finish, which is gently sweet, focused and nicely persistent. This wine's balance will allow it to age for at least the mid-term, say five or six years."
— J. R.

90 Pts. ~ Wine Spectator ~ August 2011

"Light and fragrant, offering a fresh bite of raspberry, strawberry and mayflower flavors that persist nicely on the delicate, harmonious finish. Drink now through 2017." — H. S.