

FOG CREST

VINEYARD

Fog Crest Vineyard is a family-owned winery in Sonoma County's highly regarded Russian River Valley Appellation. Our vineyard soils are dominated by the Wilson Grove formation, a sandstone ridge whose fine-grained marine sandstone soils are highly prized by ultra-premium winemakers. The Estate Vineyard is perfectly situated to take advantage of the regions cool coastal fog intrusions. The classic Goldridge soils, the vineyard's rolling hills and a south-eastern exposure combine to impart great depth, complexity and character to our Estate Wines.



2010 Fog Crest Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

We strive to showcase the incredible and unique nature of our Estate Vineyard as we endeavor to remain mindful stewards of the land. Sustainable farming methods are practiced to respect the neighboring Laguna de Santa Rosa, Sonoma's richest area of wildlife habitat and the most biologically diverse region of our County.

Winemaker

Daniel Moore, Winemaker, Daniel Moore has made wine for more than two decades in Northern California. He was the original winemaker at Lynmar Winery in the Russian River Valley where his Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays were very highly regarded. Daniel was also a pioneering champion of Russian River Gewüztraminer. His winemaking credits also include the Martinelli Vineyard Winery and his own Z Moore Winery.

Vintage Notes

In the Russian River Valley and throughout Northern California, 2010 will be remembered as one of the coolest vintages on record. In our estate vineyard, sun smiled on our Pinot Noir grapes throughout the growing season and allowed for slow ripening with deep, mature fruit flavor development. The cooler weather developed the flavors at lower-than-normal sugars enhancing the balance with lower alcohol. In mid-October, the vintage was marked by 5 days of torrential rains that affected 15-to-20 percent of the growers who still had grapes left on the vine. All of our fruit was harvested well before this rain. The long hang time and subsequent physiological maturity have given this vintage a mark of great elegance and finesse.

From its bench above the Laguna de Santa Rosa the Estate Pinot Noir sits above the fog enjoying an extra hour of sun in the cool of the morning. Longer days of sunshine add to the power and complexity of our homegrown Pinot Noir. Fifty percent new French oak from Alain Fouquet and Mercurey blend seamlessly adding notes of cola and earth. Perfect physiological maturity contribute to great longevity in the bottle, yielding a silken plush masterpiece to those with patience to wait.

Tasting Notes

Initial impressions show dark brooding fruit aromas. Two swirls of the glass coax out a mélange of dark fruit spices and earth components. Cola and plum aromas follow with matching flavors wrapped around fat coating tannins. The wine's tannins add a plush weight to the mid-palate finishing with long lingering fruit and truffle flavors.

Platinum Medal Winner - 2012 Monterey Wine Competition

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.7%

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 200

Winemaker: Daniel Moore

Bottling Date: August 26, 2011

Aging: 11 months

Suggested Retail: \$49