

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.



2011 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

Two thousand-eleven was yet another record cold vintage in the Russian River Valley. A wet spring was followed by a cool summer. Wet weather during bloom in June resulted in a smaller than usual crop. Our smaller than usual Pinot Noir crop was able to take advantage of the only sustained ninety degree days of the season in September to accelerate its maturity. The low crop yields led to extraordinarily concentrated fruit.

From its bench above the Laguna de Santa Rosa our Estate Pinot Noir sits above the fog enjoying an extra hour of sun in the cool of the morning. The emergence of our lower block of Pinot Noir brings more clonal diversity and unique terroir to the Estate bottling. In addition to our Dijon 115 & 777 and Pommard clones, we now have Dijon 828 and Mt Eden. Our Dijon 828 clone sits on a unique tuft of volcanic ash like an island surrounded by our classic Goldridge soils. The fruit from our newest planting greatly enhances the dimension of our Estate Pinot Noir program. Fifty percent new French Oak from Alain Fouquet and Mercurey blend seamlessly adding notes of cola and earth. A second year of perfect physiological maturity with no dehydration has produced a wine of great balance, elegance and finesse.

Tasting Notes

Black cherry and plums meld with cola and savory herb notes overlaid with exotic spice. Sweet Bing cherry flavors mix with sassafras and spice in a long finish that invites the next sip. Complex flavors and soft tannins leave lingering impressions of happy fruit flavors. With aging this wine will continue to develop proving that Pinot Noir is the ideal accompaniment to almost every great meal!

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Daniel Moore

Ageing: 12 months

Alcohol: 14.7%

Cases Produced: 175

Bottling Date: August 2011

Suggested Retail: \$49