



2009 Pinot Noir Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills AVA

Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is owned by Bill Foley of Foley Family Wines and is located between Lompoc and Buellton on Highway 246. Rather than a single vineyard, it's actually more like a quilt of many small vineyards, as each block was meticulously planted to just the right varietal, rootstock and clone for that particular slope and soil. There are 225 acres planted with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Since 2002, Flying Goat has been sourcing grapes from the vineyard. In 2004, we were able to secure clone 667 from block 16, which is a steep hillside block with a lot of extremes. This particular block always seems to produce very small berries in very tight clusters with lots of intense fruit and color. This is due to the extreme conditions of the *terroir*. The 2009 harvest experienced near perfect conditions.

Tasting Notes

Our “prep school wine” brings to mind a young vibrant curious female teenager, with the potential for great elegance. Purple to garnet in color, this wine has a beautiful expression of berries, especially blueberries, and dark plum on the nose. Once the wine sits in your glass and opens up, bright fruit with a subtle toasted oak component reveals itself on the palate. The explosion of fruit in the finish adds to the mouth weight of this juicy, full bodied Pinot Noir. We recommend roasted lamb but skip the mint jelly and spice it up with tandoori. It will also pair well with chicken mole poblano or your favorite dark chocolate. The cellar potential for this wine is 5-7 years.

Details

Harvested: September 16, 2009
Bottled: September 9, 2010
Released: September 10, 2011
Production: 120 cases

Alcohol: 14.1% by Volume
pH: 3.43
Titratable Acidity: 0.61 g/100ml
Clone: 667

Price: \$46