



**2009 Pinot Noir  
Rio Vista Vineyard Dijon Clones  
Sta. Rita Hills AVA**

Three different blocks and three different clones comprise Rio Vista Vineyard. This meticulously farmed vineyard sweeps down the hillside on the southeastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, overlooking the Santa Ynez River – hence its name, “River View”. The grapes for this wine hail from the steep, eastern hillside of the vineyard, with soils laden with rocks and chert. Our Dijon blend is made up of clones 115, 667 and 777. After hand harvesting in the early morning, the perfect little clusters were gently de-stemmed and the whole berries placed into fermenters. After inoculation with yeast, the “must” slurry of juice and skins was punched down by hand twice each day to extract flavor, color and tannins. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine was placed into French oak barrels, about 35% of which were brand new, and allowed to age for 18 months. After a light filtration to ensure clarity and remove any unwanted sediment, the wine was bottled and stored. This bottle aging allowed the tannins, acids and flavors to meld and integrate, providing a wine that is enjoyable immediately upon release. Each of these “dijonaise” clones contributes a component and enhances the others in this blend. The result is a highly structured wine with layers of complexity and intrigue.

**Tasting Notes**

A deep scarlet color leads to pale maroon edges and foretells of the depth of this wine. Aromas of spice and wood smoke, lavender and black plums, are revealed with a swirl. Beautiful layers delight the mid-palate with full bodied, rich flavors and textures.

**Details**

Harvested:	9/15/2009	Alcohol:	14.5% by Volume
Bottled:	4/26/2011	pH:	3.75
Released:	4/28/2012	TA:	.519 g/100mL
Production:	240 cases	Brix:	25.4

Price: \$46