



2012 Pinot Noir Dierberg Vineyard Santa Maria Valley AVA

Planted in 1997, the Dierberg Vineyard is located in the middle of the Santa Maria Valley and boasts 161 acres of rolling hills of mostly sandy loam soils. About 2/3 of the vineyard is planted to Pinot Noir. We have enjoyed working with the Dierberg family, vineyard managers and fruit from this vineyard since the first crop in 2001. After a few years of not sourcing fruit from Dierberg Vineyard, our fans are happy to have this vineyard back in our portfolio and we are too!

Tasting Notes

WOW! We found bright fruit, cinnamon bark and vanilla bean on the nose, along with mushroom, plums and black cherries. Think earthy, dusty and subtle smoke. It's soft on the front palate with dark cherry notes. Silky sheets layer your palate. There is an elegant finish with hints of cocoa. This wine is not for the first date. Save it for popping the question, with jazz playing in the background, smoke in the air and a twinkle in her eye. Savor with pork scaloppini or filet mignon served with mushrooms or decadent sweets, such as chocolate covered cherries or cherry truffles. Also pairs well with flatbread topped with mushrooms, sun dried tomatoes and caramelized onions. Although this wine is stylistically New World, it is an old soul with an aging potential easily 10+ years.

Details

Harvest:	September 25, 2012	Alcohol:	14.7% by volume
Bottled:	November 20, 2013	pH:	3.65
Released:	October 4, 2014	TA:	.59 g/100ml
Production:	304 cases	Clone:	115
Price:	\$46	Brix:	24.7