



2009 BACIGALUPI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

I am thrilled to announce a new breakthrough in the Venge lineup: the unveiling of the Bacigalupi Vineyard Pinot Noir from the renown Russian River Valley of Sonoma. The thought of making Pinot has always been very attractive to me since my early days at Mumm Winery. I am overjoyed to be back into it. This Pinot has the makings of a classic. The fruit is rich and brooding with top end layers of ripe strawberry, blueberry and cherry vanillin. The ripe fruit composition is supported by forest herb, light blood and iron notes so delicate and necessary and true to the varietal. Every moment while in the glass, this wine wakes up even further. The flavors are round and seductive with gobs of ripe, lively but delicate fruit. The flavors are almost candy like and wonderfully in harmony. The tannins stretch the palate for many moments of pure enjoyment. Cellared correctly, this wine will improve for two to three years and age well into its teens.

Winemaker & Proprietor, Kirk P.Venge

In The Vineyard

This Pinot Noir is comprised of 100% "Wente Clone," that produces fruit with a composed style and character. The cool climate vineyard yielded only a mere 1.5 tons per acre in 2009. The soil type consists of a light tan loam with wonderful air permeation and water drainage. Harvest took place on September 9th with average degrees Brix of 27.2.

In The Cellar

The fruit was hand sorted and destemmed into small, open top box fermenters, utilizing 15% whole clusters. Adhering to strict tradition, the grapes in the small fermenters were cold soaked for 5 days until native yeast fermentation began. The wine was carefully pressed after 14 days, followed by native malolactic in 40% new Francois Ferres tight grain, 3 year air dried barrels for a total of 15 months. This Pinot Noir is neither filtered nor fined.

100% Pinot Noir, Bacigalupi Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma

14.7% Alcohol, 0.62 g/100mL Titratable Acidity, 3.81 pH.

Bottled on January 10th, 200 Cases Produced.

Suggested Retail Price: \$58 per 750ml Bottle

275 Cases Produced

Suggested Retail Price: \$125 per bottle

