

SIVAS-SONOMA

FOURTH GENERATION FAMILY-CELEBRATED WINE



2011 PINOT NOIR

THE WINE

Our 2011 Pinot Noir has bold aromas of red currant, strawberries and cherry pie that lift out of the glass. The spicy complexity of the nose can be attributed to tobacco leaf and clove. Lush fruit flavors of grilled plum and black raspberry are prominent on the palate while toasty vanilla notes play a supporting role. This wine draws you in with its exotic bouquet and finishes with hints of earthy morel mushrooms. Our 2011 Pinot Noir pairs well with a wide array of foods, including fresh rigatoni and roasted vegetables, Duck Confit or even lobster risotto.

APELLATION

Sonoma County has a rich winemaking pedigree stretching back to the early 1800's. With over 60,000 acres of vineyards and over 450 bonded wineries, it has assumed a prominent place among California's premier grape growing regions. The broader Sonoma County AVA includes some 17 sub-appellations, each with their own unique microclimates and varietal specialties. Sonoma County has become well-known for the diversity of vines that thrive there. The majority of the grapes used in creating our 2011 Sivas-Sonoma Pinot Noir were sourced from a notable family vineyard on the Sonoma Coast, Sangiacomo Family Vineyards along Lakeville Highway. Located in a narrow corridor known as the Petaluma Gap, a sub-region that benefits from cool fog carried in from a 15-mile-wide gap in the coastal mountain range. Fedrick Block of Sangiacomo is fully committed to growing Pinot Noir Dijon 115 clone which produces richly textured, flavorful wine that is more round and supple on the palate. For our 2011 vintage Fedrick Block gave us nearly 20 tons of hillside fruit.

VINTAGE

The 2011 growing season got off to a late start because of an unusually wet and cool spring. Temperatures all through the summer were cool, rarely rising above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Finally in mid-September, temperatures reached the mid-90's for a week or so which was just what the winemakers needed. Due to the weather, crop yields were generally smaller than usual, yet ironically this allowed for faster ripening and more concentrated fruit flavors. The small harvest of 2011 affected every wine region in Northern California, our 2011 Sivas-Sonoma Pinot Noir was no exception. Given our long term relationship with the Sangiacomo Family Vineyards we are able to select some of the best Pinot Noir available to create this well-balanced and appealing wine.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Now in our second century of crafting wine in the Sonoma Valley, we continue to be inspired by my grandfathers' can-do spirit. In every bottle of Sivas-Sonoma we pay homage to our family founders who paved the way for our generation of winemakers and those to follow.

BLEND 98% Pinot Noir, 2% Syrah

VINTAGE 2011

APELLATION Sonoma Coast

WINEMAKER Greg Kitchens

ALCOHOL 13.5%

OAK AGING 10 months

OAK SOURCING 100% French Oak
80% New, 20% Seasoned

PH 3.63

TA 5.6 g/L

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