

2008 Schultze Family Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Vineyard:

Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the town of Corralitos, the Schultze Family Vineyard is farmed by Jim and Judy Schultze, proprietors of the Windy Oaks Estate. The vineyard is planted to fifteen acres of Dijon clones 115, 667, 777, 2A and Pommard (clone 4). Due to the relatively high elevation (1,000 feet) and the close proximity of the Monterey Bay, the Schultze Family Vineyard is always the last Pinot Noir vineyard to be harvested in the area. This long hang time results in wines of exceptional balance and flavor development.



Winemaking:

The grapes were 100% de-stemmed and the whole berries were placed into small open-topped fermenters. The must was chilled to 50 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for seven days. According to traditional methods, punch downs were performed daily by hand. After fermentation the wine was pressed off directly into French oak barrels where it underwent spontaneous malo-lactic fermentation and was aged for 15 months on the lees. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

The Wine:

Deep ruby color; bright fruit aromas of red raspberries, cherries, and spice. Silky texture with excellent tannin and acid balance. This wine will continue to improve for three to five years in bottle.

Technical Data:

Production	72 cases	Release Date	May 1, 2010
Alcohol	14.1 % by vol.	Aging	15 months in French oak barrels (66% new)
Bottle Size	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$36.00

Suggested Food Pairings:

This wine pairs well with grilled steak, pasta, ripe cheeses and certain seafood items.

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