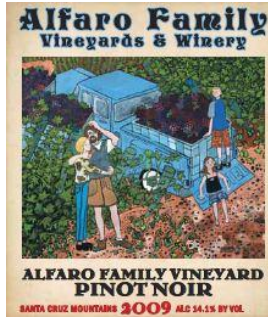


2009 “Alfaro Family Vineyard” Estate Pinot Noir



The Vineyards:

Founded in 1998 by Richard and Mary Kay Alfaro, Alfaro Family Vineyards is dedicated to the production of Estate Bottled Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot and Syrah. “**Alfaro Family Vineyard**” is our largest vineyard at just over 16 acres and is planted exclusively to Pinot Noir. It consists of 9 different blocks; each block has a different combination of clones and rootstock, including clones 113, 114, 115, 667, 777 and 828. Vine density is 1361 vines per acre. The vineyard is on a south facing hillside between 500 and 650 feet in elevation.

Winemaking:

The grapes were 80% de-stemmed and the whole berries were placed into small open-topped fermenters on top of 20% whole clusters. The must was chilled to 55 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for between five and seven days. Half of the fermentations were spontaneous. According to traditional methods, punch downs were performed three times daily by hand. After fermentation the free run juice and press wine were kept separate and put into French oak barrels where it underwent a slow natural malolactic fermentation and was aged for 19 months on the lees.

The Wine:

Deep ruby in color, medium bodied with an explosion of fruit on the nose, chock-full of bright cherry and raspberry flavors on the palate. Complex and well-balanced.

Technical Data:

Production	117 cases	Release Date	Winter 2012
Alcohol	14.1 % by vol.	Aging	19 months in French oak barrels (50% new)
Bottle Size	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$35.00