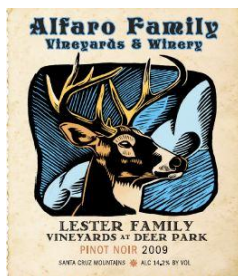


## 2009 Lester Family Vineyards Pinot Noir



### The Vineyard:

Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the town of Aptos, the Lester Family Vineyards at Deer Park is owned by the Dan and Pat Lester Family. The vineyard is planted to Dijon clones 115, 667, 777 as well as Clone 37 (Mount Eden), and the Swiss Clones 2A and 23. Because of the close proximity of the Monterey Bay, the grapes are able to attain full physiological ripeness without excessive brix levels, resulting in wines of exceptional intensity and balance.

### The Vintage:

The long cool growing season allowed the wine to develop full ripe fruit flavors while retaining excellent natural acidity. Cool conditions throughout the harvest season allowed us to pick the fruit at the moment of optimal maturity

### Winemaking:

80% of the grapes were de-stemmed and 20% were left whole-cluster. Then they were placed into small open-topped fermenters. The must was chilled to 50 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for seven days. Fermentation occurred spontaneously. According to traditional methods, punch downs are performed daily by hand. After fermentation the wine was pressed off directly into French oak barrels where it was allowed to undergo a natural malo-lactic fermentation. It was then aged for 12 months on its lees, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

### The Wine:

Deep ruby color, with seductive aromas of smoky toast, ripe black fruits and a very distinctive spicy note. Supple texture and a long finish.

### Technical Data:

<b>Production</b>	92 cases	<b>Release Date</b>	Spring 2011
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.2 % by vol.	<b>Aging</b>	12 months in French oak barrels (50% new)
<b>Bottle Size</b>	750 ml	<b>Suggested Retail</b>	\$35.00

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