

2009 Au Bon Climat Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir

A blend of Premiere Coastal Grapes: Los Alamos, Rancho Vinedo, Garey, Bien Nacido and Le Bon Climat vineyards. This cuvee really reflects the 2009 vintage with balanced fruit flavors, structure, and surprising richness. Like all ABC Pinots in all price ranges there is sophistication to this wine.

We fermented this wine in open top tanks which are punched down by hand twice a day until dry. (About two weeks). The wine was pressed and put into barrel with plenty of lees to give the wine complexity and depth. The wine was racked and fined with egg whites in April and bottled in July.

This is an amazing wine for the price. With so many Pinots shooting up in price this is still a perfect by-the-glass wine. Drink this with any grilled meat; the smoky flavors really bring out the best in this wine. The structure of this wine will hold together for many years, it is drinking well right now and will improve and evolve for another 3 or 4 years.

This aromatic wine has aromas of clove and coriander, with undertones of strawberries. The oak gives this wine subtle notes of lees and earthiness. The flavors of this full bodied Pinot Noir is predominantly that of wild strawberries and sour cherries. The finish has a wonderful balance of tannin and acid with the fruit flavors.