



2007 La Bauge Au-dessus Pinot Noir

2007 is the 18th vintage of “La Bauge”- which has become our benchmark for quality, cool climate pinot noir at a fair price. Translated colloquially as “the wild Burgundian party upstairs,” La Bauge is at the same time Old World – nice structure with hints of barnyard – and New World – forward with lots of sweet berry fruit. Rounded out with tea, spice, and forest floor, this wine is a succulent example of “cool climate” pinot noir.

This wine is a blend of 75% Le Bon Climat fruit and 25% Bien Nacido. 2007 was a small crop for pinot noir in the Santa Maria Valley, but ripening weather was great. Due to low yields at Bien Nacido, we relied much more on fruit from Le Bon Climat for this year’s Bauge. Even with small yields at both vineyards, the quality was uniformly high. This allowed us to blend grapes from the many different sections of LBC into our Bauge.