

De Ponte Cellars



Vintage: 2009

Estate: De Ponte Estate Vineyard

Region: Dundee Hills

Name: De Ponte Cellars Estate Pinot Noir

Grape: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 7-9 years, properly cellared

Data: Alcohol - 14.1% / 50% new French oak aged for 15 months in barrel, remainder aged in 2 and 3 yr old French oak barrels

Soil Type: Jory soil

Production: 229 cases (750 mL), 150 magnums (1.5 L), 10 (3 L), 5 (5 L)

Vintage Notes:

The warm spring pushed vines into early bud break that began a great year with long hang time in the vineyard. A warm summer, we had a few rainy days until the heat came in abundance with record highs. In the first part of August the weather cooled down with moderate rain followed by sun until the first week in September when a late summer heat wave pushed temperatures back into the 90's. We achieved almost record hang time in the vineyard as we kept the yields in line with an average of 2.5 tons per acre.

Tasting Notes:

The nose shows a combination of blackberry, cassis (blackcurrant) with beautiful notes of violet and vanilla. The wine is perfectly balanced between the nice acidity and the fine grained tannins, beautiful elegance and complexity, long finish supported by an explosion of dark fruit notes and caramel.

Food Pairings:

Risotto cakes with wild mushroom and pancetta, pork rilletes, blue cheese bacon burger.

