

# De Ponte Cellars



*Vintage:* 2009

*Estate:* De Ponte Estate Vineyard

*Region:* Dundee Hills

*Name:* De Ponte Cellars Baldwin Family Reserve Pinot Noir

*Grape:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Aging Potential:* 10-12 years, properly cellared

*Data:* Alcohol - 14.1% / Aged 2 years, 80% new French oak, the remainder in 2-year old French oak

*Soil Type:* Jory soil

*Production:* 158 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:*

An intense and complex nose of dark fruits and chocolate, with a hint of mint and an earthy touch. Elegant and rich, it shows a beautiful concentration on the mid-palate. Velvety tannins but firmly structured to the end, with a long finish that is refined and elegant, leaves a full set of fresh fruit and floral notes supported by integrated oaky notes.

## *Food Pairings:*

Sweet and savory pork empanadas, coriander-crust rack of lamb with a shallot jus, chocolate pecan biscotti.

