

De Ponte Cellars



Vintage: 2009

Estate: De Ponte Estate Vineyard

Region: Dundee Hills

Name: De Ponte Cellars Dundee Hills Pinot Noir

Grape: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 7-9 years, properly cellared

Data: Alcohol - 14.1% / 20% new French oak aged for 12 months in barrel remainder aged in 2-5 yr old French oak

Soil Type: Jory soil

Production: 1,881 cases (750 mL), 144 cases (375 mL), 15 cases (1.5 mL), 15 (3 L), 10 (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:

Beautiful blackberry and dark cherry aromas accented by nutmeg and fresh raspberry and cherry fruit flavors. Medium bodied wine showing a silky structure, supple tannins and a lovely elegance. The long finish is supported by notes of spices, coffee and rose petals.

Food Pairings:

Fontina, prosciutto and caramelized onions, "Roy-al with cheese," filet mignon wrapped in apple wood smoked bacon.

