

Withers Winery

*Charles Vineyard Pinot Noir Anderson Valley*



VINEYARD NOTES

Charles Vineyard, planted in 2001, is a 14 acre property (10 acres planted to Pinot Noir) located in Boonville, abutting Anderson Creek and the foothills rising off the valley floor. Clones harvested include Pommard, 115, and 667. The site can experience over 50 degree daily swings in temperatures and over 40 inches of rainfall annually, but sits on an ancient river bed that features extremely well drained soils, all of which produces strong fruit structure and acidity over lengthy ripening seasons.

VINIFICATION AND COOPERAGE Of the 15 barrels used, only 3 were new (Tonnelerie Remond). The remaining cooperage was 1-5 year old Francois Frères barrels. The wine was harvested by hand and fermented with 35% whole clusters and ambient yeasts at cool temperatures after a cold soak. We employed no fining or filtration, and racked only prior to bottling.

Grape varieties : Pinot Noir

Alcohol : 13.3%

Tasting notes :

This superb Pinot reveals its Pommard clonal heritage through a combination of focused dark bing cherry notes and fine grained tannins. Medium bodied and built to age while slowly revealing additional high toned aromas of underbrush, herbs, chocolate and anise flavors with exposure to air, it is reminiscent of its Burgundian Pommard inspirations.

