



**DREW - 2009 PINOT NOIR
VALENTI VINEYARD
MENDOCINO RIDGE**

The Valenti Vineyard is located on the top of Greenwood Ridge in the Mendocino Ridge AVA, 6 miles from the ocean and 1,600 feet above sea level on a north-east facing slope that overlooks the Anderson Valley to the East. This is a challenging site with daily maritime winds resulting in very cool temperatures throughout the growing season. The cool winds during pollination, produces small clusters and berries providing great intensity. The marginally fertile topsoil overlays a deep profile of sandstone and shale which the roots can penetrate deeply to take up water and minerals enabling a condition for dry farming. Daytime temperatures are typically 7-10 degrees cooler than the Anderson Valley floor and the typical diurnal temperature range during the growing season is a 20 degree swing mostly in the low 70's to low 50's Fahrenheit. The harsh and cool natural conditions lends itself to naturally low yields resulting in correct acidity and lower sugar levels at harvest time

The Valenti Vineyard is one of my favorite sites from the Mendocino Ridge AVA. This 2009 release marks its second release as a single vineyard wine. The color has a dark cherry pit twinge with aromas of spice, cherries, wild strawberries, pomegranates, earth, fig and violets. The flavors are fresh and savory with black raspberry, plum and cherry with bright acidity and firm tannins culminating in a finish that is consistent.

Vineyard

Vineyard: 100% Valenti
Harvest: September 12, 2009
Sugars: 23.3 degrees brix
Ph: 3.32
TA: 7.3 g/L
Oak: 25% new French Oak for 11 months
75% seasoned French Oak

Finished Wine

Ph: 3.63
TA: 6.1 g/L
Alcohol: 13.4% by vol.
Bottling date: August 2009
Release Date: June, 2011
Suggested Retail: \$40.00/bottle
Number of cases: 72 cases

Cold soaked two days, 30% whole cluster fermentation

Vineyard Tech.'s

T/Acre: 1.8 tons per acre
Variety: Pinot Noir
Clone: 100% clone #667
Rootstock: 3309p
Planted: 2001
Spacing: 6 x 8
Trellis: Vertical Shoot Position
Pruning: Spur pruned
Orientation: Rows run North-east by South-west
Slope: 10%
Aspect: East, North-east