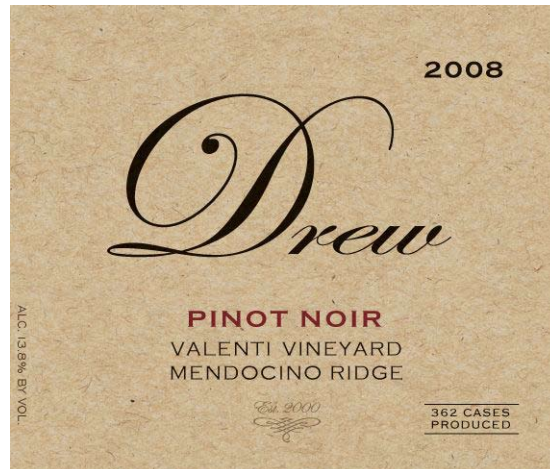




2008 PINOT NOIR, VALENTI VINEYARD
MENDOCINO RIDGE



The Valenti Vineyard is one of my favorite sites in the Mendocino Ridge AVA. This 2008 release marks its debut as a single vineyard wine. The most remarkable attribute to this vineyard, which no doubt is a tribute to its soil and climate or 'terroir', is its ability to create a wine of not only great depth but one that has great finesse. This exceptional ridge top vineyard overlooking Anderson Valley consistently produces naturally low yields - no thinning needed here - and coupled with deep marginal soils, produces a wine with all the intensity, minerality and interest that I seek.

The color has a dark cherry pit twinge with aromas of dark cherries, pomegranates, earth, fig and violets. The flavors are fresh and savory with dark red fruits, blackberry, plum and black cherry with bright acidity culminating in a finish that is consistent with the aroma, with a slight perfumed touch towards the end.

This is a vin de garde wine (cellaring will reward) that has incredible intensity with the accompanying backbone of structure. Decant when young or let breath for at least one hour.

Pairing: Roasted herb encrusted game

Case Production : 362
pH:3.64

Alcohol by Volume: 13.8%
Clones: 667, 114