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ARRENDELL VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • PINOT NOIR

2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Arrendell Vineyard is planted to the Martini Heirloom Pinot Noir clone. It sits in arguably the coldest spot in the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley AVA. This (thirty five year old) old vine Pinot Noir vineyard often struggles to ripen a fewer than one ton per acre crop by Halloween. Pinot Noir is usually one of the earliest ripening varieties in Sonoma County, but the Arrendell Pinot Noir is often picked after much of Sonoma County's Cabernet Sauvignon (the latest ripening red varietal) is harvested. The vineyard's cold meso-climate preserves natural acidity in the grapes and complex subliminal aromatics in the wine. We believe that the wine's elevated acidity, fruit purity and complex savory aromatics make the Arrendell Pinot Noir an excellent candidate for extended aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Arrendell Vineyard Pinot Noir is a deep, ruby-colored wine with complex aromas of red cherries and dried cranberries, interlaced with a savory grilled herb nuance. Red raspberry and kirsch flavors complement its silky tannins and layered mouthfeel.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 55% new
Time in oak: 15 months
Yeast: Native
Alcohol: 14.7%
TA: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.46
Cases produced: 300
Unfined and unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2009: "Outstanding" 94 points, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2011
2008: "Outstanding" 95 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, February 2011
2008: "Outstanding" 92 points, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2010
2007: "Outstanding" 95 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, February 2010
2007: "Outstanding" 92+ points, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
2007: "Superb" 95 points, Steve Heimoff, *The Wine Enthusiast*, August 2009
2006: "Outstanding" 91+ points, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
2005: "Superb" 95 points, Steve Heimoff, *The Wine Enthusiast*, November 2011
2005: "Outstanding" 93 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, December 2007
2004: "Outstanding" 91 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, December 2006
2004: "Outstanding" 90+ points, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2006
2003: "Outstanding" 91 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, December 2005
2002: "Extraordinary" 96 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, February 2005
2001: "Outstanding" 91+ points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, December 2003
2000: "Excellent" 92 points, Steve Heimoff, *The Wine Enthusiast*, August 2003
1999: "Outstanding" 92 points, Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, December 2000

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