

~ winemaking offers a conversation with the natural world;
 wine speaks to seasons past, the earth, its bounty and its pleasures~

Vintage: 2007

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 14.6%

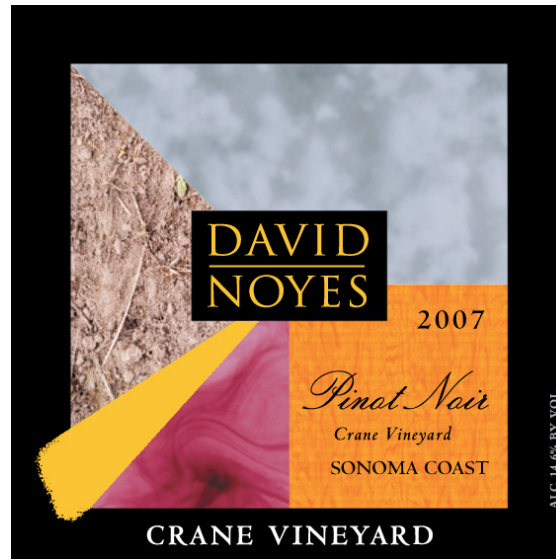
pH: 3.66

TA: 0.58

Aging: 40% new Doreau and
 Mercurey French oak barrels,
 the balance in '06 barrels.

Bottled: August 2008

Release: Spring 2009



Food Pairing: This
 pinot is robust
 enough to pair with
 rare beef, but try it
 with duck breast as
 well!

Longevity: 5 to 15
 Years

*An intersection
 of soil, season, time and care*

Production: 240 Cases

The moment lingers

We produce our Crane Vineyard pinot noir entirely from fruit grown by the Crane family on their property located South of Santa Rosa at the base of Crane Canyon. The site benefits from cool breezes that sweep down through the 'Bloomfield Gap' from Bodega Bay most afternoons and cool the fruit during the afternoon and evenings. Shallow alluvial soils and the Cranes' commitment to dry farming, (no or minimal irrigation), ensure concentrated flavors of raspberry and black tea—classic low production pinot noir quality.

I produced the 2007 wine entirely from Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777, low producing clones that typically give excellent fruit forward, complex wines.

Aromas and flavors of black raspberries combine with those of black tea, pepper, and vanilla; in the mouth these expand and mix with deeper flavors of toast and caramel. The finishes reinforces the initial impressions of ripe red fruits, supported by cinnamon and vanilla.

We drink wine for many reasons. The history of the Crane family, who first came to Santa Rosa, from the California gold fields in the late 1850's and who later, during the 1920's developed a sweet, aromatic melon that bears their name add much to my enjoyment of this wine. Wine is a metaphor for the mysteries of time and place; the Crane Vineyard pinot speaks eloquently to the history of the people, farming and agricultural development in Sonoma County—and, it tastes very good!