



2008 Muns Vineyard Pinot Noir
Santa Cruz Mountains, Estate

~ Winemaker / Tasting Notes ~

The Wine:

This wine is elegant, complex and balanced; with a silky, sensuous mouthfeel. It will age beautifully, as have all of our Pinots; yet perhaps more than the previous vintages the wine is more 'open' and the rich fruit flavors more evident at this early stage. Dijon clones: 114, 115, 667, 777. 100% Pinot Noir.

Retail: by the bottle: \$40

Tasting notes:

This delicious Pinot Noir fills the mouth with rich flavors of black fig, olive and opens up to the characteristic black cherry that we get from our vineyard; balanced by a touch of coffee, allspice, cinnamon and vanilla. The palate lingers, and the mouthfeel is smooth and silky. The tannins are balanced yet not overpowering from aging in eastern European oak. Complex, balanced acidity and minerality typical of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Winemaker's notes:

Alcohol: 14.6%

Must analysis: Brix 26.0; pH 3.51 ; TA:.91

Harvest date: August 29-September 2, 2008

Barrel Aging: 17 months in 30% new Hungarian oak; stirred on the lees for maximum color and flavor.

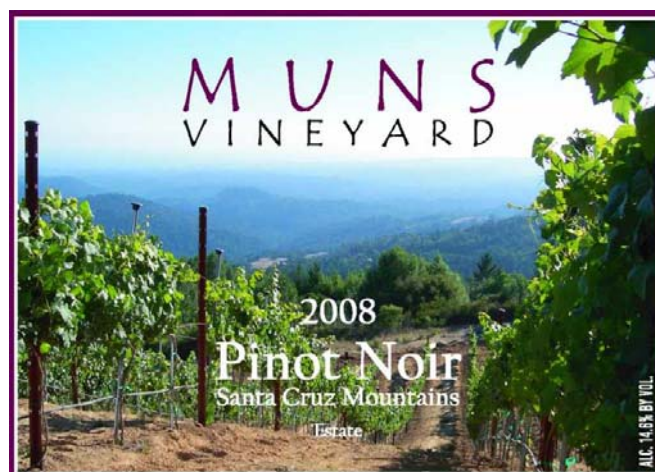
Not crushed, but destemmed; gravity fed through the entire process.

Fermentation: Whole berry; fermented in chilled stainless steel open top fermenters; 'punchdown/drainover' using gentle PulseAir process three times daily.

Bottling: Unfined and unfiltered.

The Vineyard:

At 2600' elevation on the Loma Prieta ridge top, Muns Vineyard is the highest Pinot Noir vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains and is ideal for growing premium Pinot Noir. The site enjoys panoramic views over the redwood forests to span Monterey Bay, from Santa Cruz to Monterey, and eastward to Loma Prieta Peak and towards Los Gatos. The vineyard sits above the fog line and is cooled by the gentle maritime breeze that sweeps in almost constantly off of Monterey Bay in the summertime. In the winter it is not uncommon for the vineyard to be blanketed in snow. The soil varies from rich loam to shale to red clay. The 2008 vintage is the sixth harvest from the 12 acre Pinot Noir vineyard; planting started in 1998 and was completed in 2005. The fruit is grown by Ed Muns, with diligent attention to sustainable vineyard practices that produce extraordinary winegrapes.



"Special Mountain Pinots from a Special Mountain Vineyard"

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