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PINOT NOIR: LAS AMIGAS VINEYARD

The "Las Amigas Vineyard" located in the Carneros district of the Napa Valley was formally owned by the Martinis, and then sold to Andy Beckstoffer in 1992. The vineyard was planted with clone 113, which provides us with high quality, small berries, and low yields. Signorello Estate has been harvesting grapes from this vineyard for many years, creating award winning Pinot Noirs that reflect typical Burgundian winemaking techniques and incredible Napa Valley fruit.



Appellation: Napa Valley, Carneros

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvested: September 10, 2009

Brix at Harvest: 25.8

Total Acidity: 0.58

Ph: 3.95

Alcohol: 14.8%

Total Production: 121 cases

Tasting Notes: This Burgundian style Pinot Noir opens with hints of vanilla and strawberry followed by smoky French Oak and cherry. This well balanced and medium bodied wine has nicely integrated tannins and a long, lingering finish with layers of cherry, pepper, bay leaf and raspberry.

Winemaking Notes: De-stemmed Pinot Noir grapes were cold macerated for 72 hours in open-top tanks before fermentation on native yeasts. The must was punched down three times daily during 14 days of fermentation, then pressed and racked to the tank. After settling out in the tank for 24 hours, the wine was inoculated for malolactic fermentation (MLF) and barreled down in 45% new French Oak (François Freres, Sirugue, and Damy.) Following traditional Burgundian techniques that advocate minimal handling, the wine was neither filtered nor fined with only one racking before bottling on February 11, 2011.

Harvest Report: The 2009 vintage is producing outstanding fruit that looks and tastes to be a spectacular vintage. Though rainfall was little more than two-thirds of normal for the third year in a row, the timing of the precipitation was on the vine's side. Couple that with the lack of frost and a relatively cool growing season, Mother Nature managed to have it all work in unison to give vines and grapes the best possible scenario.