

BENZIGER

FAMILY WINERY

2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Alcohol 14.3% | Total Acidity .50 | pH 3.83



Release Date | May 2009

Retail Price | \$26

TASTING NOTES | Our 2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir exudes dark fruit flavors of currant, fig and plum. Earthy elements are followed by notes of tea and toast.

VINTAGE | In 2007, a dry winter led to a relatively early bud break. Overall, the growing season was evenly paced with a few heat spikes in the early part of summer. Warm August weather started harvest early, but a cool September slowed things down and increased hang time on the vines another few weeks. This cool period helped to develop complexity in the fruit while keeping sugars under control. 2007 was one of the longest harvests Sonoma County has seen in recent years, spanning almost three months from start to finish. This vintage was smaller in quantity than 2006, but the lower yields meant more concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKING | The cool climates of the Sonoma Coast and Carneros regions are ideal for Pinot Noir because the growing conditions of each promote deep and complex flavors. Cool fog and sea breezes off San Pablo Bay influence winegrowing in these areas. Canopy development is reduced by the wind, resulting in lower yields and creating more concentrated flavors in the fruit. Seven vineyards are represented in this blend, resulting in a balanced and complete wine. Choosing the best sites for our Sonoma Coast Pinot allows us to capture the depth of Carneros along with the aromas of the Russian River Valley.

BENZIGER FARMING PRACTICES | At Benziger Family Winery, we are dedicated to winemaking that reveals the true character of the vineyard, the varietal and the vintage in certified-sustainable, -organically grown and-Biodynamic® wines. Our wines are defined by the individuality of the vineyard and the passion of the people who make them. Through our commitment to natural farming and environmentally and socially responsible business practices, we strive for sustainability and the preservation of our Sonoma Mountain family winery for generations to come.

This wine was made with grapes grown with **certified sustainable** farming methods. Our sustainable philosophy promotes natural vineyard management, restoration of the land and biodiversity on the estate. We believe these practices result in wines that reflect the authentic flavors, aromas and character of the vineyard.