

FLOWERS

Vineyard & Winery

2007 DZ - PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES: A rustic wine with fruit forward aromas of black cherry, black berry and vanilla bean are followed by layers of smoke and pipe tobacco. The south-east facing vines produce pure, pinot aromas with complex mineral, earth & sage notes. Flavors of raspberry, caramel and plum accentuate this robust wine. Lively acidity and asserting tannins lead to a rich and round finish. Drink now or cellar up to 3 years.

WINE FACTS:

- **Vineyards:** This is our third release from our now 9 year old Estate vines at the DZ Vineyard, west of Sebastopol on the Sonoma Coast. The vines have wood selections from the 777, 667, 115 and Pommard making this a true field blend.
- **Harvest:** September 10, 2007
- **Winemaking:** Fruit was rigorously hand sorted and fully destemmed with no crushing. Moderate cold soaks (4-5 days), warm fermentations (85-90° F), and minimal punchdowns (twice a day or less) were done this year in order to adapt to what nature gave us. Total skin contact ranged from 11-18 days with all fermentations being carefully basket pressed and put to barrel on full fermentation lees for ML. Racking was minimal with only one *assemblage* being done in the spring to allow the blend to “marry” in barrel for a few months before bottling. Mostly native yeast and ML with only small lots conducted using cultured burgundy isolates.
- **Cooperage and Aging:** 100% French oak; 50% new. 15 months in barrel.
- **Bottling:** February 2009; 290 cases produced.
- **Final bottling technical information:**
 - pH: 3.42
 - TA: 0.62 g/100 ml
 - Alcohol: 13.4%
- **Release date:** Spring 2009