

FLOWERS

Vineyard & Winery

2008 DZ - PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES:

Bursting with dark fruit aromas of plum, black cherry and cassis; this wine is fresh and attractive; straightforward and rewarding. Our most rustic wine on the palate, it has a chewy texture and flavors of ripe stone fruits, toasted bread and tobacco. A balanced acid backbone and affirming tannins lend to a long and delicious finish. Drink now or cellar up to 3 years.

WINE FACTS:

- **Vineyards:** The DZ vineyard is located west of Sebastopol, CA on the Sonoma Coast AVA. Clone selections of 777, 667, 115 and Pommard make this a true field blend of younger and more established 10 year old vines. Flowers cultivates and farms this unique Pinot Noir site with Dan and Linda Zaich.
- **Harvest:** September 10, 2008
- **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; 40% new.
Time in barrel: 17 months.
- **Bottling:** February 2010; 290 cases produced.
- **Final bottling technical information:**
 - pH: 3.42
 - TA: 0.62 g/100 ml
 - Alcohol: 14.1%
- **Release date:** Spring 2010