

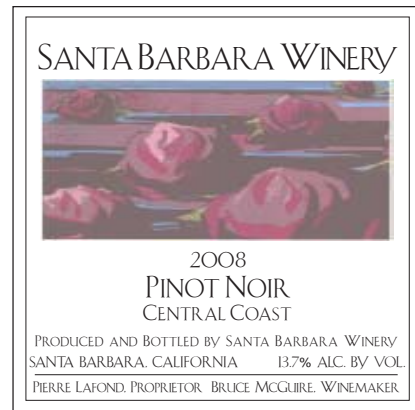
SANTA BARBARA WINERY

2008 PINOT NOIR CENTRAL COAST

2008 marks the ninth vintage of our "color label" Pinot Noir. Winemaker Bruce McGuire has secured select vineyard lots at Scheid Vineyards up in Monterey County just for this bottling. 2008 brought a small crop with extremely streamlined concentration.

Bruce has toured this section of vineyard and was pleased with the viticulture as well as the three Pinot Noir clones available: Pommard, Clone 115, and Clone 23. This vintage is made up of one third part each of these clones. Clone 23 brings a subtle earthiness to the flavor palate, adding additional depth and structure. Berry flavors, smooth mouthfeel, and a firm acidity fill out the wine and enhance its enviable versatility. 5% Zinfandel from Wild Rose Vineyard adds spice and exotic character to the nose.

Capitalizing on forward fruit and mid-weight structure, Bruce used older barrels for aging, thus preserving the bright and perfumed fruit character of the finished wine. This particular blend of Pinot Noir clones makes a food friendly wine suitable for pairing with roast chicken, open fire grilled fish, and a wide variety of pasta dishes.



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Dates: September 13, 14 & 17
2008

WINE

Barrels: Neutral barrels, some
1 and 2 year old barrels

Vineyards: 95% Scheid Vineyard
Monterey County
(Pinot Noir)
5% Wild Rose Vineyard
(Zinfandel)

Total Acid: .69
pH: 3.61
Alcohol: 13.7%

Sugar: 24.6-25.3° Brix
Bottling Date: May 14 & 15, 2009

Production: 4,188 cases
Sugg. Retail Price: \$16.50

