



## 2008 PINOT NOIR

**Doctor's Vineyard  
Santa Lucia Highlands**



### Vital Statistics

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir (828, 2A, 115 and Calera clones)
Vineyard:	Doctor's Vineyard – Santa Lucia Highlands AVA
Harvest Date:	September 9, 2008
Harvest Brix:	25.9
Release Month:	March 2010
Alcohol:	14.5%

### Doctor's Vineyard

Doctor's Vineyard is located on the western side of the Salinas River Valley. The 194 acres of Pinot Noir are situated just above the fog line to take advantage of ripening morning sun. The vineyard features a variety of clones, spaced at 7' x 10', and planted in sandy-loam top soils with extremely rocky, well-draining subsoils. The loose, nutrient depleted foundation makes vines struggle to produce wonderfully complex fruit flavors with vibrant acidity.

### Winemaking Notes

After harvest and crush the grapes spent 5 days in cold soak prior to fermentation. The wine was then aged in a combination of neutral and new French oak for 12 months prior to bottling in August 2009.

### Tasting Notes

This well balanced, very aromatic Pinot presents itself in multiple layers, featuring spicy notes with currant and red cherry undertones. The wine has a silky finish with notes of oak and soft tannins. *“Deep garnet color. Aromas of dried cherries, chocolate covered raisins, and creamy oak have a whiff of alcohol and follow through on a satiny, supple entry to a fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body... Finishes with peppery spices and dusty tannins.”*

- Beverage Tasting Institute, [www.tastings.com](http://www.tastings.com)

### Awards

**91 PTS & Gold Medal** – Beverage Tasting Institute

**Silver Medal** – 2010 Finger Lake International Wine Competition