



2008 PINOT NOIR

Lone Oak Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands



Vital Statistics

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir (667 and Swan clones)
Vineyard:	Lone Oak Vineyard – Santa Lucia Highlands AVA
Harvest Date:	October 9, 2008
Harvest Brix:	26.3
Release Month:	May 2010
Alcohol:	14.0%

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Lone Oak Vineyard is located in the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA (SLH) which has a great reputation for outstanding Pinot Noir. The vineyard is on an east facing slope between the highly regarded Garys' and Rosella's Vineyards. The clay soil helps retain warmth during the brisk mornings and chilly evening winds off nearby Monterey Bay.

Winemaking Notes

The 2008 growing season in the Santa Lucia Highlands was ideal for Pinot Noir and allowed a long "hang time" for the fruit. 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 14 months prior to bottling in December 2009.

Tasting Notes & Awards

The Lone Oak Pinot Noir opens with a very aromatic nose. Intense, but is also well-balanced and supple on the palate. This fruit-forward wine features multiple layers with black cherry, spice, and coffee wrapped in a smooth finish of oak and soft tannins.

"Deep ruby garnet color. Bold aromas of freshly baked cherry-raspberry pie, key lime custard, and coconut creme brulee, spicy oak accent and follow through on a zesty entry to a fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body with tart craisin, marinara, and sage butter notes on the zesty, plump, soft tannin finish." – Beverage Tastings Institute, www.tastings.com

DOUBLE GOLD – 2010 San Francisco International Wine Competition

GOLD Medal – 2010 Finger Lake International Wine Competition

92 PTS & Gold Medal – Beverage Tasting Institute (BTI)