



THE WINE: This 100% Estate grown Pinot Noir is jam-packed with the aromas of ripe cherry, fresh strawberries, raspberries, pomegranate, baking spice, orange peel, and forest floor. As the wine opens up, the fruit becomes more concentrated and complex. Sweet cherry, and pomegranate flavors fan out across the palate and carry through with a long finish. This wine is medium-bodied with excellent balance, crisp acidity, and flavors that linger on your palate.

2007 was a landmark vintage for Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. The La Cruz vineyard fruit used in creating this blend benefitted from idyllic temperature and rainfall conditions. The fruit ripened at a near perfect pace. The quality has exceeded expectations, and the wine has integrated nicely, producing multiple layers of flavor and texture.

THE VINEYARD: This wine is crafted from a collection of distinctive vineyard blocks all located in the La Cruz Vineyard on the Keller Estate in the Petaluma Gap. The clones picked were 114 and 667 hand-harvested in the cool morning; the fruit is destemmed, chilled to 50 degrees, and allowed to cold soak for 7 days. Once the native yeast takes off and fermentation begins, punch downs were performed three times a day, and the temperature is allowed to rise to 90 degrees. Only free-run wine was used for this bottling, which was drained by gravity overnight. The wine was aged in 35 percent new French oak barrels before bottling and elevage lasted for 20 months.

The majority of the La Cruz Vineyard resides on the lower hills of the property. The soils here are multi-layered, mineral-laden clays that were once the San Pablo Bay seabeds. This mineral character comes through in all of the wines and is very much a part of Keller Estate's unique terroir.

Bottling: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bottled June 2009• AVA: Sonoma Coast• Alcohol: 14.3%• pH: 3.76• TA: 5.3 g/L	Winemaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% destemmed Pinot Noir• Open-top fermentation• Native yeast• 35% new French oak• Bottled unfiltered & unfined
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