
SHOOTING STAR PINOT NOIR 2012

VINEYARDS

The Unique growing conditions of Lake County provide a few places to grow Pinot Noir. We have selected a Pinot Noir clone (Clone 32) that is the latest ripening clone in every California Pinot Noir clonal trial. The late ripening nature of clone 32 allows the fruit to ripen in the later (October), and cooler part of the season, keeping on par with the early ripening Dijon clones of Carneros. Lake County does not, at first, strike one as being an area suited to growing pinot noir. With its dramatic temperature swings and volcanic soils a person would think of the soil and climate being more suited to Rhone- like varietals such as Syrah and Grenache.

But the Dorn and Lyon families took up the Pinot Challenge to great effect, grafting clone 32 pinot onto established vines. Each successive year brings more depth and complexity to this pinot noir, proving again the diversity of the Lake County wine scape.

SEASON

2012 was a very good growing season with hardly any rain throughout the year and harvest. A beautiful spring and summer were followed by harvest conditions that were ideal, producing quality, focused wines.

TASTING NOTES

Brick- tinged ruby color with aromas of cranberries, wild strawberries, and cherry compote. Bright, dried cherry entry on an elegant, toasty palate. Dusty cinnamon notes accent the dry clean finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Pair with fun fare, such as roast chicken with truffle fries, green salad with goji berries, or crab cakes. Also would do well with a slice of cheesecake!



APPELLATION Lake County **HARVEST DATES** October 19th, 2012
ALCOHOL 14.4% **BRIX** Average 26.0 **FERMENTATION** Average 14 days
at 86°F **pH** 3.75 **TA** .62mg/100mL **BARREL AGING** 9 months in French, and Hungarian oak;
20% new oak **VINE GRAFT AGE** 5 years **YIELDS** 4+ tons per acre **PRODUCTION** 3000+cases