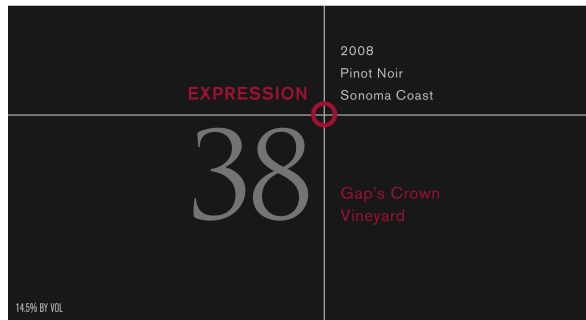


EXPRESSION WINES

PINOT WITH LATITUDE



2008 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard Sonoma Coast, CA

Vineyard Notes

Gap's Crown Vineyard is just outside of the town of Penngrove, Ca, situated at the confluence of where Sonoma Mountain and its surrounding southwest facing hills meet the Petaluma Wind Gap (Petaluma Gap). Lingering fog in the mornings during the growing season allows Gap's Crown fruit to ripen slowly, resulting in balanced acidity and ripe fruit flavors and aromas. This unique cool climate, combined with the soil, slope and aspect diversity of this great vineyard site has made fruit from this property among the most highly sought after in the entire Sonoma Coast appellation.

Winemaker Notes

2008 provided a cool, dry winter, followed by a mild summer that finished up with a nice warm period into harvest. This great weather and a small crop level were enhanced by the cool Pacific breezes and coastal fog that make their way through the Petaluma Gap; making for pristine and intense fruit. Whole clusters of Pinot Noir were cold-picked, destemmed, sorted and then underwent a prolonged cold-soak for optimum extraction and texture. Fermentation was done in one-ton small batches, and then the resulting wine was "barreled down" into French oak barrels (1/3 new) to deepen texture and add refinement. Bottled in September 2009, the Gap's Crown Pinot Noir is a hedonistic expression of both power and grace.

STATS

Varietal Content: 100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Gap's Crown Vineyard
Appellation: Sonoma Coast, Ca
Cases Produced: 100
ALC %: 14.5