



2009 STICKYBEAK PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



91 pts “Grapes from the Petaluma Gap and Russian River make up this juicy Pinot Noir carrying a Sonoma Coast appellation. Aging for 10 months in French oak, the color is a medium ruby and the aromatics offer lovely ripe cherry-berry with a spicy back note. It has very good texture and body, with boiled tea and spice mingling with plenty of berry flavors and 14.3% alcohol and a faint hint of orange rind in the finish”

Gerald D. Boyd
June 14, 2011

90 pts “Great showing cedar qualities under the fruit. Rose petals and young plums are also tasted in this wine, which has a very nice and balanced finish. This would be a great grilled pork pairing wine or pork tenderloin with cranberry chutney.”

Jeff Lawson
www.midwestwineguy.com
March 17, 2011

88 pts “Light, bright red. Strawberry and raspberry on the nose, with complicating notes of white pepper and dried rose. Light-bodied and brisk, with good clarity to its red fruit flavors. The firm finish features good grip and a hint of bitter chocolate; I'd like a bit more give but this drinks easily.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
May/June 2011

87 pts/Very Good/Strong Recommendation Ultimate Wine Challenge 2011



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“Light and delicate, with faint raspberry and cranberry notes that show black tea and spice details. Appealing for its smooth, light touch. Drink now through 2019.”

**Wine Spectator Online
2011**

“Here’s another fresh, bright wine — sporting a radiant medium ruby color — a pinot bursting with requisite tones of red currants and plums with hints of rhubarb and cola, cloves and potpourri, a warm and spicy wine with touches of wheatmeal, briars and brambles in its depths, which a few minutes in the glass devolve to clean, earthy minerality. If the wine has a flaw it’s that the finish turns not just dry but austere; perhaps it requires another year to find better balance. Very Good+.”

**Fredric Koeppl
Bigger Than Your Head Blog
April 13, 2011**

“Spring lamb is probably the most popular seasonal meat, particularly during the Passover and Easter holidays. Pinot Noir would be a traditional match, and I really liked Stickybeak’s offering from the Sonoma Coast, colored like a red Jolly Rancher candy and full of orange zest and cranberry. A live-wire finish brings all of the parts together.”

**Ben Weinberg
Unfiltered, Unfined Blog
March 22, 2011**