



2012 STICKYBEAK PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER	Wayne Donaldson
REGION:	Sonoma Coast
VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir
MATURATION:	10 months in French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.89 g/L RS: 0.3% pH: 3.75

VINEYARDS:

Grapes are sourced from two vineyards, with 80% coming from Stage Gulch in the Petaluma Gap. Morning fogs with sometimes howling afternoon winds keeps yields low and flavor intensity high in this border appellation. This vineyard provides the backbone of our Pinot, while an additional vineyard in Russian River planted to Pommard clones provides wonderfully perfumed aromatics.

WINEMAKING:

Pinot Noir needs attention, craves attention – and so attention is given! Careful monitoring of the ferments to ensure they don't overheat, manual punch downs of the open vats and judicious use of oak. The result is perfumed cherry and spice characters.

TASTING NOTES:

Enticing nose of high toned cherry and raspberry with a cedary, creamy note beneath. A long, full palate with a sustained attack. Cherry and rose petal notes run the length of the mouth with orange rind hints on the finish. Overall, fleshy and balanced with clean acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts - Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT THAT NAME . . . 'Stickybeak': Australian slang for 'nosey neighbor', or to be 'overly inquisitive'. After twenty years living in California's wine country while importing regional benchmarks from the Antipodes, our curious streak got the better of us. We searched for the best sites that the California wine-growing regions in our backyard have to offer, and the grape varieties that best express their individuality. Whether its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc from Sonoma's Russian River Valley or Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, our wines are hand-crafted, authentic expressions of the land they come from.



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