

**2009 PINOT NOIR, CHRISTIAN'S VINEYARD
LAKE COUNTY**

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Loaded with bright cherry, pomegranate, cranberry, and ripe strawberry flavors this wine has a great full bodied mouth feel which combines elegance and power. The finish is smooth and persistent leaving trademark mountain terroir.

Vineyard

Our Pinot Noir is grown in Christian's Vineyard in the Diamond Mine area, named so in reference to the semiprecious stones referred to as "Lake County Diamonds." At 1700 feet above sea level Christian's is the highest vineyard block on our ranch. It is naturally farmed, meaning we use no pesticides or herbicides and we do not till the soil.

Winemaking

The Pinot is our first red to be harvested every year and we give it only the best treatment when the fruit arrives at the winery. It is sorted twice, once before, and once after de-stemming; then it is transferred into one of our stainless steel tanks for a slow cool fermentation. After pressing, the wine is aged in French oak barrels for 6 months in our cave before bottling.

Wine and food pairing

A perfect complement to traditional cuisine as well as simple, lighter fare such as soft cheese, grilled and roasted meats and vegetables; think mushroom pizza!

Technical notes

Release Date	Summer 2012
Blend	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	100% Lake County
Aging	6 months in French oak (25% new)
Alcohol	14.5%
TA (g/100ml)	0.57
pH	3.77
Production	150 cases