



2009 Fleur de California Central Coast Pinot Noir

2009 Vintage Highlights

In 2009, a late spring hot spell ended rather abruptly near the end of May when temperatures remained below normal through June and the first weeks of July. Throughout August and September, temperatures remained mild, allowing the grapes to mature more slowly on the vine. The crop load was very even throughout our vineyards which kept the crop loads very even. All in all, 2009 is a really good looking vintage.

Wine Description

Fleur de California is our bright, fresh, charming, and flavorful Pinot Noir that's perfectly suited to the bistro lifestyle. The 2009 Fleur de California Central Coast Pinot Noir has the distinctive California Pinot Noir aromas of strawberry, raspberry, and earthy notes. These aromas set the stage for a well-balanced mouthful of ripe berries and a harmonious combination of acidity and structure. Although this Pinot has a bit more weight in the mouth than the typical Central Coast Pinot, it is very food-friendly, with enough character to speak for itself when enjoyed alone.

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir grown exclusively in the California's Central Coast appellation

Fruit at Harvest:

Picking Dates:	Sept. 15 - Oct. 20, 2009
Brix (average):	24.88°
T.A.:	6.62 g/L
pH:	3.55

Fermented at: 70° - 75° F

Oak Aging: 9 months in 60 gallon neutral French oak

Finished Wine:

Alcohol:	13.5%
T.A.	5.8 g/L
pH:	3.65
Residual Sugar:	Dry

