

2007 Precious Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Always a complex wine with aromas of wild berries, cherry, rose water, Asian spice, jasmine blossoms and crème brûlée. In your mouth the ripe, red berry flavors explode with a nice balance of acidity, mushrooms and mineral. The ripe, somewhat youthful tasting tannins are complemented by the concentration of fruit and long, succulent finish. An extremely pretty and feminine wine with great aging potential.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Precious Mountain located in the Sonoma Coast appellation, sits atop the second mountain ridge in from the Pacific Coast, near Fort Ross. This is a very small vineyard planted on steep slopes at an altitude of 1,750 feet. At this altitude coastal breezes, not fog, are responsible for Precious Mountain's cool evenings and moderate daytime temperatures. The vineyard is dry farmed to produce intense flavors.

HARVEST 2007

The 2007 vintage has produced wines of extremely high quality, wines that are each brilliant expressions of their sites. The growing season was distinguished by its evenness with a cool finish. The summer months were characterized by warm, sunny, near-perfect weather with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in very uniform ripening and optimal development of intense varietal flavors, aromas and expression. The wines of 2007 convey their unique characters in a manner more vivid, precise and evocative than we have come to anticipate. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this one really stands above all others.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 63% new oak, 37% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.41

TA: 0.64g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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