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**Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast**  
2011

## AROMA

rhubarb, black raspberry, incense, wet sand

## FLAVOR

sour red cherry, pomegranate, dried orange peel

## FOOD PAIRINGS

turkey meatballs w/ tomato, maple glazed pork belly

## VINIFICATION

10.03 tons hand-harvested and sorted on sept 17. all clones co-fermented (30% whole cluster) in an open-top tank using wild yeasts. a 5-day cold soak preceded regular cap management for balanced extraction during a 18-day fermentation. aged for 12-months in 15% new oak. bottled without fining or filtration.

## SITE

from a selection of sonoma coast sites (and individual blocks) located near the laguna de santa rosa watershed. clones 777 and pommard are planted in "goldridge" soil at a modest elevation of 200 ft. proximity to the both the fog-catching laguna & the cold pacific ocean ensures long, even ripening.

## NOTES

'bittersweet' would best describe this 2011 vintage: bitter were the abysmally low yields; sweet the superlative quality. sonoma coast pinot noir material of this quality has become so coveted that you don't even tell your friends where your fruit sources are. you speak in vague terms like "this fruit was grown on a poly-culture farm located near the laguna de la santa rosa watershed on the political border of the russian river valley and sonoma coast." there's a big irish wolf hound that greets you as you enter the property, so we started calling this vineyard "black dog" (yes, we're zeppelin fans too). in "normal years" the wine shows the complex characteristics of both ava's. in an exceedingly cold year like 2011, it seems to be all about the sonoma coast—rhubarb, pomegranate, dried orange peel, incense, etc. and check out the 12.6% alcohol!

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## DETAILS

appellation: sonoma coast  
county: sonoma  
winemaker: john raytek  
production: 558 cases  
anticipated maturity: 2015-2020  
ph: 3.5  
brix: 22  
total acidity: 6.9 g/l  
residual sugar: 0.2 g/l  
alcohol: 12.6%  
yield: 2.5 t/acre  
clones: pommard, 777  
harvest dates: 09/17/2011  
bottling date: 08/2012

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