



SIDURI WINES

2005 Sapphire Hill Pinot Noir

By focusing solely on Pinot Noir from the most prestigious vineyard sites in California and Oregon, and by vinifying each barrel separately by lot, clone, yeast and cooper, we champion individuality of place and intensity of flavor in each wine we produce

Production & Technical Data

408 Cases
Release Date: June 2007

Winemakers' Comments

Critics of California Pinot Noir often characterize the wines as Syrah-like. These critics have certainly never tasted one of our Sapphire Hill Pinot Noirs. The Sapphire Hill Vineyard, located in the Russian River appellation just west of the Sonoma County Airport, has always produced one of our most elegant, most balanced Pinot Noirs. At the winery we describe it as a “no elbows, no knees” type of wine. In other words, nothing pokes out at you. The San Francisco Chronicle, in their praise of this wine, even quoted our phrase and went on to describe the wine using terms such as “strawberry fruit,” “mineral notes,” and “long finish.”

In addition, the Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine just rated this wine 90 points. These great reviews are certainly more than welcome but what we enjoy the most is popping a bottle of the 2005 Sapphire Hill Pinot Noir and seeing how wonderfully it tastes now and then opening an older bottle and noticing how well this always beautifully balanced, red-fruited Pinot Noir ages.

“To drink Siduri is to drink some of the best Pinot Noir made in America today.”
- Matt Kramer, *New California Wine*

“One of My Favorite Wineries”
- Robert M. Parker, Jr.