



2006 Siduri Sonoma County Pinot Noir

This Appellation Series blend has become something of a mainstay in our portfolio – a wonderful introductory Pinot Noir at a very fair price. However, in 2006, we seem to have taken this wine up a step or two qualitatively.

The Sonoma County Pinot Noir is a blend of five different vineyards scattered from the far western edge of the Russian River Valley to Sonoma Mountain. Specifically, the wine is a blend of 33% Sapphire Hill Pinot Noir, 25% Van der Kamp, 23% Lewis, 13% Amber Ridge, and 6% Keefer Ranch fruit. This also makes the wine a blend of multiple Pinot Noir clones – including 115, 667, 777, 828, Martini, and a rather old but unidentified clone of Pinot Noir grown up at the Van der Kamp site. Given this diversity of material and location we should be able to make a wine that is at least somewhat entertaining. In 2006, we went beyond entertainment and produced a wine that is both complex and satisfying.

At this point in time only a few folks have tasted the final blend but here is a description of the wine by one of the lucky few who has tasted it and posted it on Robert Parker's Wine Bulletin board; "**2006 Sonoma County** - Wow, this wine is going to be a **steal** at \$19 bucks, my clear favorite of the appellation wines. Really nice floral nose, with a classic red-fruit flavor profile, tart red cherries, strawberries. Great balance, full and broad on the palate, finely textured, and a pleasing medium finish. **91+ points.**"

90 points *PinotReport*

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