



2008 Siduri Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

It is hard for us to believe that this wine is our 12th Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir. In some ways it seems like only yesterday that Gary Pisoni first showed us around his vineyard and we picked out the section of the Big Block that has been ours ever since. We have added some additional sections of the vineyard since our first Pisoni vintage in 1997, getting fruit from the Hermanos and Tina's blocks (and adding 2 extra rows of Big Block)...all of which have provided us with even more raw material to produce a more compelling and complex Pisoni Pinot Noir.

Over the last couple of vintages we have been working very closely with Mark Pisoni, Gary's oldest son, to produce an even better Siduri Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir. Specifically, we have been pruning the vineyard later, in hopes of delaying ripening and increasing hang time. We have also been experimenting with varying levels of cropping figuring out exactly what provides us with the highest quality fruit in a given vintage.

The end result is that, in 2008, we have produced our most compelling Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir in quite a few years. The wine, quite simply, is Siduri Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir turned up a notch or two. This wine shows incredible fruit concentration, with blue and blackberry pie flavors, hints of warm earth and spice (perhaps from some of the whole clusters used in the ferment), and a full, long finish. Unfortunately, this is also one of our most limited production Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noirs, down 43% from 2007, so if you want to acquire some please do not hesitate. **Wine writer Robert Parker recently rated this wine 92-94 points.**

92-94 points Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*

250 cases produced

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