



2004 Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley

The dominate portion of the 2004 Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir comes from Foxen's own eleven-acre Block Eight of the Bien Nacido Vineyard that was planted for us in 1996. This bottling is comprised primarily of Pommard Clone from Block Eight's steep north face. Pommard Clone from the Julia's Vineyard makes up approximately 10% of this blend.

The fruit was picked during the first two weeks of September after near-perfect harvest conditions. De-stemmed whole berries were cold macerated, after which it was fermented in small, open top vessels. The wine was then de-juiced and lightly pressed and then went into François Frères oak barrels (10% new), via gravity, where it aged for a little more than ten months before being bottled un-fined and un-filtered.

Winemaker's Notes:

"This wine is very fruit forward in style, full of "Pinot candy" and spice (Cola nut, cinnamon, cardamom) displaying notes of strawberry, cherry and sassafras. Supple and velvety in the mouth, this is an elegant wine. Typical of our Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir, this wine displays up front fruit—yet serious and complex at the same time."

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Production: 2600 cases