



2009 CLOS PEPE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 'Vigneron Select'

72 cases produced, 14.1% alcohol

Denser and darker black berry fruits in the nose. Same high toned strawberry, cherry, and berry character as the regular bottling, buoyed by beautiful high-toned red berry and baking spice notes. Hints of chewiness and density--excellent depth of fruit character, still too primary to discover the underlying mineral complexity that will surely emerge within five years of patient cellaring. Spectacular acid structure along with some delicate, fine tannins, this one definitely has the chops for up to a decade in a cool, humid place. A wonderful craft expression of a nearly-perfect vintage. Best 2015-2022 ~ \$59

THE CLOS PEPE PHILOSOPHY

"We strive to produce wines that represent a time and a place. In a landscape where critics heap praise on 'heavy metal' wines more akin to fortified wine than a beverage for table, we believe that wine should integrate into a meal--we hope our customers discuss the flavors of wine and food and how they combine to make an experience. Great craft impresses not with an insistence that it be the sole focus of a room, but instead by its ability to integrate. I like to make wines that tell a story: a story of wind, fog, sunshine and the hard work of our crew. This vineyard has as much potential for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir as we are willing to imagine and draw from it with passion and labor. In this sense I want the wines to be 'jazz' over 'heavy metal'--a reflection of craft embedded in an ever-changing environment instead of a homogenized attempt to kowtow to the gods of concentration." --Wes Hagen

"..the name Clos Pepe Vineyard on a bottle has become synonymous with quality. Think California Grand Cru quality."



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