



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original

2011 van der KAMP VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

In the Vineyard

Family-owned by Martin, Dixie and Ulysses van der Kamp, this site sustains some of the oldest Pinot Noir vines in Sonoma County. Its *terroir* is unique in that fog banks from opposite sides meet and swirl overhead to form an opening through which the sun bathes the land to temper the cool mountain atmosphere, resulting in a unique microclimate. Myriad of old-vine and Dijon clones are planted across the property along with a small amount of Pinot Meunier, allowing the winemaker an opportunity to create a “blended” wine within the vineyard designate concept.

The van der Kamp family embraces natural farming and non-invasive techniques. The vineyard has a great amount of variation in soil types, slopes, and sun and wind exposure. Ulysses explains, “We try to match each variation with an assorted selection of clones, irrigation practices, trellising and pruning techniques. Our goal is to define what ‘balance’ really is in the vineyard.”

Conversations with the Winemaker

The grapes are harvested to separate small open-top vats; partial whole-cluster fermentation and native secondary fermentation contribute additional complexity to this charismatic wine that is aged 13 months in 100% French oak barrels with 30% new oak.

Tasting Notes

Our 2011 van der Kamp Pinot Noir opens with enchanting plum aromas enhanced by hints of cola and sandalwood. An expressive palate of cherry compote, vanilla and exotic spice is accentuated by bright acidity and culminates in a smooth, lingering finish.

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker



Appellation:
Sonoma Mountain

Harvested:
10/17 - 10/18 2011

Alcohol:
13.5% alc/vol

pH:
3.81

Titrateable Acidity:
6.12 g/L

Aged in Oak:
100%
~ 30% New ~

Origin of Oak:
French

Months in Barrel:
13 months

