

Red Hills Estate 2009

Origin:

Our Red Hills Estate is a 26 acre vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA. This gentle south facing slope ranges in elevation from 400 to 600 feet and is composed of basaltic 'Jory' soils. Vines here range from 20-year-old self-rooted Pommard clones planted to 800 vines per acre to Dijon clones planted to 4,800 vines per acre. Farming is meticulous utilizing sustainable practices and produces one of our finest vineyard designated wines.

Tasting notes:

This wine opens with inviting notes of sarsaparilla, black currant, licorice root and fragrant Ceylon cinnamon. The palate is a succulent and compelling combination of tart black cherries, tayberries and gingersnap cookies, paired with a saline, savory quality that lends it both depth and complexity. As is typical of this vineyard, the wine is luscious and satisfying and builds to a gratifying finish where it lingers and persists with intertwined flavors of berry and spice.

Harvest Dates:

September 25 – 30, 2009

Composition:

Dijon 777, 114, 113, Pommard, ASW2 and Wädenswil 2a

Vinification:

Hand harvested and hand sorted
Fermented entirely in wooden open-top tanks
Whole cluster contribution = 6%
Up to two punch-downs per day
Indigenous yeast fermentation
Total tank time 32 days

Cooperage:

56% new French oak
Tonnellerie Rousseau and Francois Freres barrels
After 10 months the wine was racked and transferred
to older barrels
Total barrel aging = 15 months

Bottling:

April 6- 7, 2011
Unfined and unfiltered

