



2004 PINOT NOIR
SIERRA MADRE VINEYARD
Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

pH: 3.78
Alcohol by Volume: 14.4%
T.A.: .61
R.S.: 0.11
Malic Acid: 0.08

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The Santa Maria Valley's Sierra Madre Vineyard was first planted four owners ago in 1973. The original plantings of Pinot Noir consisted of the Louis Martini Clone UCD13, as well as the Pommard UCD Clone #4. In the mid-1980's, many Sierra Madre Pinot Noirs met with much acclaim; I produced my first professional wine in 1983 with Pinot Noir from the Sierra Madre Vineyard. In 1990, Robert Mondavi acquired the vineyard, and little of the fruit was made available to outside wineries; virtually all of the original plantings were removed and replaced with modern clones on rootstock.

This cool, windswept vineyard is located on the Santa Maria Mesa between Telephone and Dominion Roads. The block from which our 2004 Sierra Madre Vineyard Pinot Noir came, Block #228, has a northeasterly-facing hillside exposure, and is planted to the Pommard UCD Clone #4. This seven-acre block was picked on four different dates, and the lot selected for this bottling was a cool-fermented lot from open top fermentors. This lot was selected for a Vineyard Designate by virtue of its complex combination of aromas of violet, ripe berry and forest floor; on the palate, this wine has a silky, cream finish, reminiscent of "old school" Sierra Madre Pinot Noir. This wine is delicious with salmon, tuna or any other food with which a delicate Pinot Noir may best be used.