

Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



2008 Pinot Noir “Duarte-Georgetown”, Sierra Foothills

There is a bit of Pinot Noir history in the Sierra Foothills at cool, high elevation sites. Boissevain Vineyard now called Vinehill in Georgetown has grown some Pinot Noir for over 25 years. I believe a wine from that site once won a Gold Medal at the California State Fair. The Duarte-Georgetown planting is in Boomer series, gravelly loam at 2,500 feet, and was established in 2007, when existing vines on a North-facing slope were grafted to five different Pinot Noir clones: #5 from Pommard, #91 from Pommard, #37 from Mount Eden, #38 from Dijon (#459) via OSU, and #18 Gamay Beaujolais selection (Viticulture 1160 V15). In 2008 we harvested all but the last.

The grapes were hand-picked on September 22nd. 50% of the grapes were crushed and 50% were whole cluster. We used ambient yeast that started fermenting after a 5 day cold soak and the cap was managed by hand. The wine was pressed after two weeks in the vats. It went directly into French oak cooperage and 25% was new. It aged on lees for 11 months and was first racked into the bottling tank. The wine received no fining or filtration and was bottled on August 28, 2009.

Burgundian in color; not over-extracted; strawberry-cinnamon scents with herbs and spices, it has wonderful freshness and persistence on the palate. Bright and lively with nice structure, silky texture, and balanced tannins. This is unmistakably Pinot Noir or Burgundy.

Here is the second of several limited production “Grapehead Club” wines that will mostly be sold to our club members first, and then only to the general public if some wine is still available. Look for our special club Cabernet Franc, Barbera, Syrah, Zinfandel, and Grenache Blanc in the future.

14.2 % alcohol by vol.; 3.70 pH; 5.8 gm./liter total acidity.

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Retail Price: \$25

Cases produced: 270 cases

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