

# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## **2009 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 I160 V15). In 2008 we harvested all but the last.

The grapes were hand-picked on September 25th. 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 27, 2010.

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.

*This is one of several limited production “Grapehead Club” wines that will be sold to our club members first, and then if still available, to the general public. Also look for our special club Cabernet Franc, Barbera, Syrah, Zinfandel, and Grenache Blanc.*

14.2 % alcohol by vol.; 3.70 pH; 6.2 gm./liter total acidity.

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Cases produced: 296 cases

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