



2009
AIKEN PINOT NOIR
SONOMA MOUNTAIN

DETAILS

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD:
Silver Pines

APPELLATION:
Sonoma Mountain

BOTTLING INFO:
Bottled August 3, 2010
145 cases produced

ALCOHOL:
14.9%

BARRELS:
French Oak
33% new

THE WINE

From the remarkable Silver Pines Vineyard at nearly 1000 ft. elevation on Sonoma Mountain, the clones of Pinot Noir for this wine are a blend of UCD 23, Dijon 115 and Pommard. The masculinity of clone 23 blends beautifully with the perfume of 115 and the depth of Pommard. Tiny yields produced a powerful, complex wine that will age beautifully for years to come.

Gentle handling began in the vineyard with hand harvesting at night, followed by cluster and berry sorting in the winery. After de-stemming, the fruit dropped by gravity into the tank for a 4 day cold soak with gentle pumpovers. Next, the fermentation began and punchdowns were added to the daily routine to enhance extraction. Finally, after draining and pressing, the wine was racked to barrels where malolactic fermentation took place and the wine aged until ready for bottling.

PHILOSOPHY

Joel Aiken's goal is to produce wines of distinction from exceptional vineyards in outstanding appellations. With over 30 years of winemaking experience, Joel knows the vineyards and growers capable of producing exceptional grapes for these wines.