



PHILLIPS HILL 2009 VALENTI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR MENDOCINO RIDGE

Vineyard: 10 miles from Elk on the Pacific Coast, Valenti Vineyard is located in this new up and coming coastal AVA. The vineyards of Mendocino Ridge must be a minimum of 1200 feet in altitude. It is California's first and only non contiguous AVA of less than 75 acres planted. Because of the hilly terrain of the AVA, some lower elevations are not included, fostering the name, "Islands in the Sky." The temperature range between daytime highs and nighttime lows is known as the diurnal fluctuation - temperature swings of less than 20 degrees.

Harvest: September 14, October 8 2009

Clones: Dijon 667, 115. Rochioli

Brix: 24

Tons per Acre: 2

Alcohol: 14.0

pH: 3.7

TA: 5.3

Barrel: 100% French Oak, 11 months, 33% New , 33% 1 year, 33% seasoned.

Fermentation: Whole berry, 6 days cold soak 11-17 days on skins.

Cases: 70 cases. Unfined and Unfiltered.

Notes: Light to Medium bodied, with scents old world Queen Anne and Red cherries, bright raspberries, cedar. Hints of young blackberry, raspberry and rose hips.

Pairings Classic Burgndian game, organ meats, mushrooms, red currant in glazes or garnishes. Chaource cheese.

Owner/Winemaker – Toby Hill