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Original oil on canvas by TR Colletta

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PINOT NOIR

Stanly Ranch ~ 2009 ~ Napa Valley

Vineyard Notes:

Viticulture at Stanly Ranch in Carneros began in the 1880's but fell off during prohibition. Stanly Ranch was first planted to Pinot Noir in the 1940s, when a clonal trial proved the ranch's well-drained clay-loam soils and rolling hills ideal for growing the finicky varietal. The clones and blocks have been significantly refined over the years, and Stanly Ranch is now one of the most sought-after vineyards for Pinot Noir in California.

Climate:

The Carneros AVA straddles the southern parts of Napa and Sonoma Counties. It is the coolest wine region in Napa, with fog rolling in from San Pablo Bay at night, then peeling back late in the day to expose the grapes to the sun. Stanly Ranch is on the Napa side of Carneros and has myriad microclimate throughout its rolling hills, making for significant differences in terroir in each block of the vineyard. The Bay has a significant influence, the lower areas being the first to be covered with fog and the last to emerge while the hills remain in the sun the longest and see it earliest in the morning. Our 2009 Cherry Pie single vineyard Pinot Noir is from the Home Hill of Stanly Ranch.

Winemaking Notes

The fruit was handpicked prior to the fall rains at full ripeness. We carefully choose the blocks to ferment in micro-lots to isolate the individual flavors and aromas. This wine was mainly fermented in 500 liter French Oak Puncheons with hand punch downs. A portion was aged in stainless and the balance (majority) was aged in the same puncheons the wine was fermented in that very year. The wine was never racked or filtered, and rested on gross lees the entire aging period.

Experience:

The 2009 Cherry Pie Pinot Noir is rich and concentrated while not over-extracted. It is very intense with red fruits and black plums with hints of wet earth and pebbles. Naturally, black cherry abounds in our most aromatic and layered Cherry Pie to date. Clearly this wine will be very hard to resist and pairs well with a very large range of foods. We drink a lot of it before, during and after meals. It never tires the palate. Enjoy!

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: 100% Carneros, Napa Valley

Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 30% New

Alcohol: 14.5%

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