



## 2012 Pinot Noir

Gap's Crown Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

### Vineyards:

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Vineyard: Gap's Crown Vineyard

Clones: 828, 667, 115

### Harvest:

Date: 9/28/2012

Brix: 25.8-27.4

### The Wine:

100% Pinot noir

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.74

Total Acidity: 6.42 g/L

Maceration Time: 13 days

Cooperage: 50% new French oak,  
Marsannay, Pinot Toast

Production: 75 cases

When we heard that fruit was available from this vineyard, we were very excited. Gap's Crown Vineyard, though planted for less than 10 years, has come to earn a reputation of producing some of the best Pinot Noir in California. Located in the hills east of Cotati at elevations from 300-800 ft, the vineyard is coated every morning with a thick layer of fog from the Petaluma Gap. These cool mornings allow the vineyard to produce dark, super concentrated fruit. Dark and Purple, almost opaque, the wine shows aromas of raspberry, oak, vanilla, perfumy flowers, poached pear and grape jam. The palate is big with dark fruit and a spicy mouthfeel from a hefty dose of new French oak. The finish is long and spicy with some young tannins. Right now, the wine is very fruit forward, but over another 12 months of barrel aging, nuances of spice and earth should come out. The dark, brooding fruit flavors will persist for several years of bottle aging. If aged longer, the wine should become more Burgundian with more of an emphasis on the earthiness than the fruitiness.

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