

2006 Deer Park Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Vineyard:

Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the town of Aptos, the Deer Park Vineyard is owned by the Dan and Pat Lester Family. The vineyard is planted to Dijon clones 115, 667, 777 as well as Clone 37 (Mount Eden), and the Swiss Clones 2A and 23. Because of the Deer Park Vineyard's close proximity of the Monterey Bay, the grapes are able to attain full physiological ripeness without excessive brix levels, resulting in wines of exceptional intensity and balance.



The Vintage:

Fruit set was ample. The harvest was spread over several weeks due to the cool conditions during the harvest period. Warm conditions finally returned at the end of October and the harvest was completed with optimal maturation of the grapes.

Winemaking:

The grapes were 100% de-stemmed and lightly crushed into small open-topped fermenters. The must was chilled to 55 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for four to six days. According to traditional methods, punch downs are performed daily by hand. After fermentation the wine was pressed off directly into French oak barrels where it underwent malo-lactic fermentation and was aged for 10 months on the lees.

The Wine:

Deep ruby color, with seductive aromas of smoky toast, ripe black fruits and a very distinctive spicy note that is characteristic of the clone 37. Supple texture and a long finish. Drink now or cellar up to 5 years.

Technical Data:

Production	350 cases	Release Date	January 2008
Alcohol	14.5 % by vol.	Aging	10 months in French oak barrels (40% new)
Bottle Size	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$33.00

Suggested Food Pairings:

This wine pairs well with grilled steak, pasta, ripe cheeses and certain seafood items.