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NAPA VALLEY

KALARIS

The Kalaris brand, named after proprietor Gus Kalaris, evolved from Gus' love of the great wines of Burgundy and his passion for producing California wines reflective of the uniqueness and beauty of their terroir. The Chardonnay from Napa Valley and the Pinot Noir from Sonoma Coast are the impressive results of that mission.



Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir (clones Pommard and 115)

Cooperage/aging: Sixty gallon French oak barrels for 16 months

Alcohol: 14.6%

Total Production: 312

Winemaker: Bob Egelhoff

"The 2009 Pinot Noir shows the pure pedigree and class of this great Pinot vintage. Round, vinous and inviting, the 2009 wraps around the palate with juicy dark berries, licorice, mint and sweet spices. Radiant and expressive, the 2009 stands out for its terrific balance and overall sense of harmony. A rich, creamy finish rounds things out in style."

90 Points - Antonio Galloni, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate (Dec 2012)

Harvest Report: The 2009 vintage started with a mild winter and cool spring. Late spring rains provided ample soil moisture going into the growing season. Weather conditions were ideal during bloom and encouraged good fruit-set and uniformity. Temperatures were moderate throughout most of the summer which helped flavor development. The end of August brought an end to weeks of fog and the return of clear, bright sunshine. This continued during most of September, delighting the vines. The results show in the finished wine.

