

Faîte

BY PARIISO VINEYARDS

“In Burgundy, the word Faîte suggests a summit or mountaintop. Here at Paraiso, Faîte represents the pinnacle of four decades experience growing world-class Pinot Noir.”

The 2008 FAÎTE PINOT NOIR highlights the true potential of our estate vineyard. It is made entirely of fruit from Block 7, chosen for its optimum sunlight/shade ratio. We then dial it down even further and allow only perfectly ripened clusters from particular rows to be sorted for this wine. Rows 35 through 42 delivered the goods this vintage.

There are two Dijon clones in these rows, 115 and 667. The 115 is massive and masculine, with notes of black cherry, currants and spice. The 667 brings power but with finesse, along with flavors of cherry and raspberry. The two meld together nicely, creating an intensely powerful wine with deep, complex layers.

Fermentation was managed in a single small tank, then the wine went to six small French oak barrels, each chosen based on cooperage experiences.

Cheers!

David Fleming, Winemaker



STATISTICS:

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Owners/Growers: Smith Family

Vineyard: Estate, SIP Certified Sustainable

Site: Block 7

Rows: 35 through 42

Clones: Dijon 115 and Dijon 667

Planted: 2000 and 2004

Elevation: 400' to 500'

Soils: Chualar Loam and Placentia Sandy Loam

Climate: Region I, Very Cool

Oak Aging: Eleven months

Cooperage: Marchive, Marsannay and Seguin-Moreau

Production: 148 Cases

to San Francisco



to Los Angeles

PLACE:

Santa Lucia Highlands — the ideal new world site for top-flight Pinot Noir. Paraiso boasts the district's original plantings of Pinot Noir. Here, the mountainside soils, cool breezes from nearby Monterey Bay, and sustainable farming practices combine to grow Pinot Noir of outstanding character and elegance.

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