



## 2006 Siduri Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is always one of our favorite appellation Pinot Noirs. This area, because of the cooler climate, leads to longer hang times and grapes that develop fully ripe flavors at significantly lower sugar levels. This longer hang time also leads to ripe stems which oftentimes allows us to utilize whole cluster fermentations in the wines. The 2006 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a blend of 37% Sonatera Vineyard, 31.5% Terra de Promissio, and 31.5% Hirsch Vineyard Pinot Noir. It includes some of the finest sections from each of these vineyards with both the old-vine Pommard and Mt. Eden Clones from the Hirsch Vineyard, the Pommard, 777, 667, and 115 clones from Sonatera, and the 777 clone from TdP making it into the blend. As we mentioned, the wine was fermented with some stems included (on both of the Pommard lots) which helped to create a more complex mélange of flavors. The wine was blended together in tank, using gravity, just a few weeks prior to bottling and was bottled without fining or filtration.

Despite this wine's lofty origins we are committed to making it available at a very fair price. Perhaps this is why the *Wine Spectator* recently selected it as one of California's Top Values awarding it 90 points and saying that "...the Lees' Sonoma Coast Pinot is complex and compelling, rivaling their single-vineyard wines in quality." Likewise, *PinotReport* also enjoyed this offering bestowing a 91 point rating on the wine and describing it this way, "Medium ruby color; deep, complex, spicy and earthy aromas; deep, rich, silky black cherry flavors, spicy, earthy notes; sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich and ripe Pinot with nice sweet oak and complex flavors."

**90 points *Wine Spectator***

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