

LA FOLLETTE



2008

Pinot Noir

APPELLATION	Sonoma Mountain
CLONES	Dijon 777, 828, UCD 23, Martini, Swan, La Tache selection, Pinot Meunier
FERMENTATION	Open-top fermentor; native primary and secondary fermentations; some whole cluster
AGING	10 months in French oak barrels
ALCOHOL	15.1%
PRODUCTION	494 cases

Van der Kamp Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain

Mulberry, horehound, wintergreen, and lapsang souchong on the nose lead to a surprisingly voluptuous mid-palate of forest floor, berry basket, and brown spices, pine duff and touch of leather in late-palate, cinched by orange bitters. Tannins are a strong backbone throughout with a spectrum of fruit showing raspberry on entry to blackberry on finish. The Van der Kamp family has been tending the vines from this north-facing vineyard, the crown jewel of Sonoma Mountain, for over four decades. At 1,400 ft. elevation, the patchwork of soil types includes loam with volcanic material and decomposed river bed. Six different clones of Pinot thrive here, with the oldest plantings dating from the early 1960s. Cared for with organic treatments, including some dry-farmed blocks, the vineyard sits next to the family home, fruit orchard, goat pen, and vegetable garden.

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