



1999 PINOT NOIR

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - "ONE PUFF"

July 2001

Smelling like a ripe Beaujolais in its bright red cherry fruitiness, this wine is very full in body and fleshy in feel, and, although its flavors head off in the same candied cherry direction, the wine's weight and fullness are of such magnitude that this one could be called Beaujolais with attitude.

Dan Berger's Vintage Experience - "VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"

September 6, 2001

Straightforward blunt cherry aroma with a trace of pine or mint. Made in a style that goes back to California Pinots of the 1970s, with weight and broad fruit.

The Insiders' Wine Line – "88 POINTS"

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The 1999 Pinot Noir, California has a perfumed bouquet of red plum, cherries, strawberry, vanilla and brown spice. The cherry/plum/berry, clove and toasty oak flavors are balanced followed by a fruity, toasty, smoky finish.

Quartetly Review of Wines - "EXCELLENT"

Summer 2001

Medium-deep, purple-tinged garnet color; rich, ripe, wholly seductive, black cherry nose; ripe, bright, elegant, black cherry flavors, with nice underlying succulence; soft, round finish.

Tastings – The Beverage Testing Institute – "87 POINTS" – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

March 2001

Pacific Rim International Wine Competition 2001

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California Grapevine - "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"

April – May 2001

Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, floral, spicy, cranberry and cherry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and whole berry fruit fermentation; medium-full body; slightly rich, herbal, cherry fruit flavors with notes of creamy oak; medium to medium-full tannin; tart finish; slightly lingering aftertaste. Shows moderate depth of varietal fruit. Highly recommended.

Colorado Wine News

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The 1999 Pinot Noir, California, \$20 was aged for 10 months in French oak and shows vanilla oak, cranberry, cherry, and raspberry on the nose before a smooth palate of sweet cherry, tart cherry, raspberry, nice acidity, and fine tannin. It finishes quite long and moderately broad. Nice while not overly complex, it is a fine, everyday Pinot.

Wine Enthusiast - "86 POINTS"

May 2001

Kind of big for a Pinot, almost the size of a lighter Zinfandel. Of course, it's enormously fruity, with raspberries and powdered spices, earthy nuances and herbal and tomato notes. The tannins are mild and the acids low, which makes things soft. It's pleasant drinking, if not especially varietal.
