



STEELHEAD®

BETTER WINE. BETTER WORLD.®

2009

PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COUNTY



TASTING NOTES

This luscious Pinot Noir has classic Russian River Valley cola and Sonoma Coast fruit framed with a kiss of French oak. Aromas of dried flowers and red and black fruits lead to a deep medium bodied wine with rich dark cherry flavors and notes of spice and cocoa and long velvety finish.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation takes place in traditional open top tanks with gentle plunging rather than pumpovers. The wine is aged in the barrel on light lees for up to 10 months with occasional stirring to bring out richness.

VINTAGE

2009 started off with a warmer, drier spring followed by a summer with average heat. Harvest concluded in late September producing evenly ripened grapes showing full concentration and balanced acid producing fruit with bright flavors.

TROUT UNLIMITED

In 2002 the first vintage of Steelhead was released, an inspired tribute to our Steelhead trout and Coho salmon restoration efforts Northern California. In 1998 Quivira Vineyards partnered with conservation organizations, including Trout Unlimited, on a successful project to restore Wine Creek (a tributary of Dry Creek) running through the Quivira estate and established Steelhead wine. Today Steelhead Vineyards stands as its own winery and partners with Quivira to support TU. Our commitment and continued work with TU is a unique endeavor to rebuild spawning grounds and restore watersheds. A portion of the proceeds from every bottle of Steelhead sold helps to fund TU's work and conservation projects.

TECHNICAL DATA

Blend:	95% Pinot Noir, 5% Syrah
Alcohol:	14.3%
Acidity:	0.53 g/100ml
pH:	3.71
Released:	January 2011
Production:	2,500
UPC:	098576027682

