



• P I N O T N O I R

“ T R O I S F I L L E S ”

• H I G H L I G H T S •

- Pey-Marin Vineyard is an eighteen year-old, eight acre site eight miles from Pacific Ocean
- It is an “assemblage” of multiple clones, several chilly west Marin sites and traditional Burgundian winemaking
- Cool climate style emphasizes balance, varietal purity, and subtle forest floor notes

V I N T A G E 2 0 0 8 •

2008 was difficult for many along the North Coast. Drought, frost, and further north in Sonoma Coast & Mendocino forest fires wreaked havoc. Luckily, we suffered only drought and a touch of frost. In other ways, 2008 was “normal”, which is to say, always different. We saw bright sunshine, cool ocean breezes, and even a daytime high temperature of a whopping 64° F on August 4. Botrytis pressure was very low all year long. We hand harvested our Pinot Noir on October 6 and 15.

• V I N E Y A R D S •

Our “Trois Filles” Pinot Noir comes from two sites located less than eight miles from the frigid Pacific Ocean in west Marin County. Our vines are heavily influenced by its considerable climatic prowess. Surprisingly, bud break is earlier than neighboring regions, but as the season progresses, our cold weather pushes flowering and harvest beyond other so-called “cool-climate” regions. The net result is a very long & moderate growing season that delivers superb flavor and bright acidity. Vineyard terrain is characterized by undulating hills which offer a plethora of microclimates well-suited to this finicky varietal. Soil profile is well-draining, decomposed marine sedimentary material (sandstone) which is moderately fertile. We farm these sites incorporating sustainable & organic viticultural practices and our trademark tiny clusters and berries have a broad aromatic spectrum and subtle texture. Our frigid vineyard sites give us naturally high acidity, the hallmark of the great Pinot Noirs of Burgundy.

Regional Composition: Marin County – 100% Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir (multiple Dijon clones & heritage selections)

• F E R M E N T A T I O N A N D M A T U R A T I O N •

Our *modus operandi* calls for very gentle handling from vineyard to bottle. Clusters were hand-harvested, hand-sorted, destemmed & crushed (with 10% whole berry) and then “cold soaked” for 2 days in small, open-top temperature-controlled fermenters. On Day 4 we allowed fermentation to begin naturally with native yeasts and later inoculated with cultured Burgundian yeast. Moderate fermentation temperature (85° F) and 2 punch-downs per day helped build structure and texture. There were no pump-overs and no acid adjustments - none were needed. On Day 9 we gently pressed our still-fermenting juice into our small French oak barriques where it slowly completed fermenting. Our barrel cooperage is the very best, air-dried for three years, medium toast with toasted heads, 35% new and handcrafted by the fabled French cooperages of *Cadus, Remond & others*. Fourteen months in barrel with zero racking, zero fining and extensive “*sur lie*” stirring contributed exotic spiciness and wonderful mouth-feel. We bottled in January 2010 and aged it in bottle for 8 months. We call this special wine “Trois Filles” (Three Daughters) as a loving gesture to our three daughters.

pH: 3.51 TA: 0.62 g/100mL Alcohol: 14% RS: Dry Total Production: 14 barrels (340 cases) Retail Price: \$39

“Our aim is to showcase our Marin County vineyards soils and uniquely cool climate attributes by crafting small lots of Pinot Noir which display exemplary varietal integrity, balance over sheer power and a proclivity to improve in cellar.”

**Jonathan & Susan Pey**

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