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2008 Oregon Red Blend

This blend has the character and the elegance of Bordeaux varieties of the Languedoc region in southern France. The structure integrates, not letting the fruit overpower its terroir. The fruit power lingers as this wine evolves in the mouth, with the fruit soon showing its power and melding elegantly with its structured back bone. This blend is focused and soft with Dundee Hills Pinot lingering on just as you think the palate is finished. There is the Pinot introduction and finish, the Syrah mid fruit palette and the Merlot body.

Technical Data:

Blend composition: 15% Pinot Noir: Holstein Vineyard, Dundee Hills Ava, 35% Syrah, 50% Merlot: Del Rio Vineyard, Rogue Valley AVA.

Harvest: Hand Picked and sorted Pinot Noir: 9/28/09, Syrah and Merlot 10/07/09

Fermentation: De stemmed into open top 1.5 ton fermenters. Cold soak. 12 day ferment punch downs twice a day, peak temps 35 c. Post maceration.

Ageing: 10 months 100% French oak: 50% 2 year old, 50% neutral. Unfined and lightly filtered prior to bottling: July 15, 2009

pH: 3.45
TA: 6.5 gr/l
Alcohol: 13.5
Cases produced: 980

Vintage 08:

Finally no rain, after 07 I was definitely on my toes as to what mother nature had in store for us this year. The weather cooperated perfectly for Pinot's and all the Bordeaux variety's that we brought into the house. Cool ocean breezes at night and then a gentle valley heat created a beautiful slow ripening vintage, building complexity and elegant physiological ripeness that was great to taste.