

# MARTIN RAY WINERY

2009

*Pinot Noir*

SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

### RELEASE DATES

September 2010

### BRIX AT HARVEST

24.7

### TOTAL ACIDITY

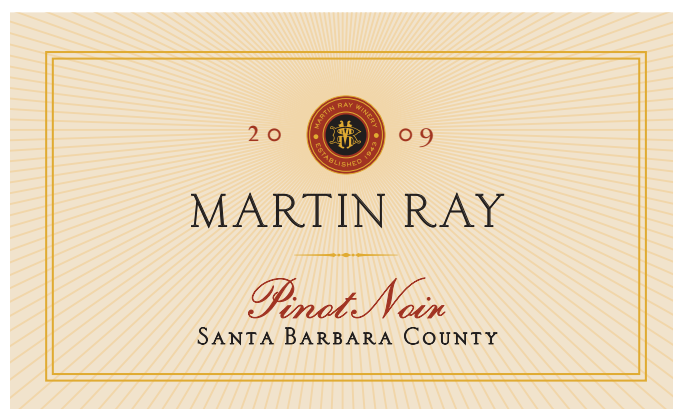
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3.61

### ALCOHOL

14.6%



*Great wine lights a fire in the soul.*

—MARTIN RAY

**THE VINEYARDS** The Martin Ray 2009 Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir is a striking blend of grapes grown in the cool coastal area of the Santa Maria Valley and the Los Alamos appellations. The east-west running valley opens up to the Pacific Ocean, allowing the inland flow of fog and ocean breezes, making this region one of the coolest viticultural areas in California, with a long, steady growing season. Pinot Noir grapes from this region have intense berry flavors and rich colors due to the many microclimates of the valley.

**VINTAGE NOTES** The 2009 harvest was fantastic throughout California. Abundant spring rains and a temperate growing season produced excellent fruit quality. The beautiful Indian summer weather that followed mild rain in early October allowed the grapes to reach optimum maturity.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES** Our goal is to allow the wine to develop its own depth and distinctive characteristics. Three days "cold soaked", fermented at moderate temperatures and twelve months of aging in French oak barrels develops a rounder, creamier texture in the wine. The 2009 Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir has a deep, brick red hue and lovely aromas of rose petal, violet, earth, spice and ripe berries. The soft, textured palate is layered with flavors of strawberry, raspberry and ripe fruit. This Pinot has a full finish with moderate toasty French oak.

**FOOD & WINE PAIRING** Try this Pinot Noir paired with poached salmon in cream sauce, pork with mushrooms or roasted Cornish game hen.

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