



## 2009 “Côte Est” Pinot Noir



<b>Production:</b>	277 cases
<b>Vineyard blocks:</b>	The cooler East side of our estate vineyard
<b>Clones:</b>	40% Dijon 677, 30% Dijon 115, 20% Dijon 114, 5% Dijon 777, 5% Pommard
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.4%
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Steve Ryan (Mendocino Farms, Hopland, CA)
<b>Vineyard AVA:</b>	Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The Côte Est cuvee is sourced from vineyard blocks found on the Eastern slope of our estate, remaining much cooler due to fir tree shade in the early morning and less sun exposure in the late afternoon.

**Notes from release in 2011:** A fragrant nose of red and black raspberry, lavender, and cherry licorice. On the palate, ripe cherry and sweet cranberry lead to a cinnamon and clove mid-palate. A rich, spicy, and long finish offers a collection of dark blue fruits mingled with spice tones of anise, white pepper, and saffras. The texture is round and mouth-coating yet constrained by solid acidity. Best in 2012 and beyond.

**Tasting notes:**

