



BIRICHINO

Pinot Cluster 2011 Saint Georges

2011 PINOT NOIR SAINT GEORGES

Our Saint Georges pinot derives from a site just below the southern end of the Santa Cruz Mountains, 14 miles from the moderating influence of Monterey Bay. A benevolent climate, poor Cortina and Garretson series soils, fastidious farming, and shy-yielding vines combine to produce tiny, immaculate, densely-flavored clusters. Handpicked September 17th, we left 15% as whole clusters at the bottom of the stainless fermenter, and destemmed the balance over the top. After 2 days cold soak, native yeasts fermented the wine for a few weeks before we pressed off, and put the wine down to neutral barrels for the winter. In early summer, we gently racked, and bottled unfiltered. It offers immediate red cherry and raspberry liqueur flavors, at once racy and concentrated, wrapped in perfumed wisps of candied violet and spice. TA: 5.9g/l, pH 3.69, Alc. 13.5%.

-Alex and John

Release Date: Summer 2012
Composition: Pinot Noir 100%
Appellation: Central Coast
Case Production: 940cs