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*Sonoma Coast Vineyards*

EXCEPTIONAL WINES FROM THE EXTREME SONOMA COAST



## 2008 "FREESTONE HILLS" PINOT NOIR

*Petersen Vineyard, Bella Sonoma Vineyard, Balistreri Family Vineyard*



<b>Vineyard Source</b>	Petersen Vineyard, Bella Sonoma Vineyard, Balistreri Family Vineyard
<b>Varietal &amp; Clones</b>	100% Pinot Noir Dijon Clones 114, 115, 667, 777, 828
<b>Harvest Date</b>	October 12th – 24th
<b>Cold Soak</b>	Average of 10 days
<b>Barrel Regimen</b>	Tonnellerie Sirugue, 18 months, 60% new French oak
<b>Alcohol</b>	14%
<b>Yeast</b>	Wild yeast fermentation followed by Assmanhausen yeast inoculation
<b>pH</b>	3.5
<b>Bottling Date</b>	April 3, 2010
<b>Cases Produced</b>	1,260
<b>Release Date</b>	Summer 2010

**94**  
**Points**

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**RANK**  
**53**

### TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Freestone Hills captures many special attributes of the 2008 vintage and showcases the expressive character and purity of the Pinot Noir varietal as well as the unique elements of all three vineyards. The diverse range of Dijon Clones has added an extra level of complexity and showcases the unique sense of place of the Freestone area. Each of the vineyards has brought it's own personality to this wine yet work in perfect harmony. Cherry and fresh raspberry with elegant spice and earth dominate the aromatics. The palate then becomes a range of red and lighter black fruits and just the right amount of tannin and acidity. The finish is long and luxurious then finishes precisely with very bright acidity. I am confident this wine will continue to grow for years to come. Cheers! *Anthony Austin, Winemaker, July 24, 2010*

### CRITICS REVIEWS PREVIOUS VINTAGES:

"Rich, with spicy cherry...strawberry jam flavors that are intense...Gains depth and nuance on the finish."  
*90 Points, Wine Spectator Magazine, 2007 vintage.*

"Reserved scents of wild cherry and raspberry...Juicy flavors of raspberry and red plum. Silky tannins and hints of vanilla in the lush, raspberry driven nose."  
*92 Points, Wine News, 2006 Vintage*

"This silken Pinot Noir has the scent of the deep woods. A lovely red for grilled Arctic char."  
*92 Points, Wine & Spirits, 2005 Vintage*