

VARNER

Vintage & Block Summary Chardonnay

2009 Amphitheater Block

2 acres
south-facing slope
780 to 735 ft. elevation
29 year old vines
own roots
sedimentary rock near surface
probably Wente clone
all french oak, thirty percent new,
features Jupilles forest
mineral, citrus

2009 Home Block

2 acres
east-facing slope
840 to 805 ft. elevation
30 year old vines
own roots
sedimentary rock medium depth
probably clone 4
all french oak, thirty percent new,
features Nevers forest
Pippin apples, more layered, tightly coiled

2009 Bee Block

3.5 acres
northeast-facing slope
735 to 670 ft. elevation
24 year old vines
5c rootstock
sedimentary rock furthest from surface
selection massale from Home Block
all french oak thirty percent new,
features Bertranges & Troncais forests
aromatic, fleshy, lemon & minerals

Ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, northern Santa Cruz Mountains appellation
Dry-farmed, non-fertilized, hand-hoed, no insecticides
Grown on porous, young (1-3 million years old) fractured sedimentary rock

Minimally settled juice, indigenous yeast and malo-lactic bacteria, barrel fermentation
Hand-racked using an esquive and hand -cranked barrel tilting device.

Pinot Noir

2008 Three Blocks

A blend of all three blocks,
39% Hidden Block
31% Picnic Block
30% Upper Picnic

Each block component is composed of a proportional blend of all barrels

2-3% whole clusters, 5 day cool soak, hand punchdown
Indigenous yeast, pressed at dryness, 12 months in barrel without racking
Hand-racked using an esquive and hand-cranked barrel tilting device, unfinned & unfiltered



The 2007's
show less of a vintage and more of a vineyard imprint, each block showing individuality.
Structure-wise, they are in between 2005 and 2006. They'll age well, like the 2005's

The 2008's
were influenced by the second year of a draught and continue to show less of vintage imprint and more
of a vineyard imprint. The blocks were not affected by either frost or the fires that were prevalent in California.

The 2009
vintage was the last of a three year dry period. An even and uneventful summer carried on through harvest
The wines found a natural balance early on.

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