



WILD HORSE

Cheval Sauvage

2007 Cheval Sauvage Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley

OVERVIEW

At Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards, the free-spirited attitude driving curiosity and passion for fine winemaking are what make us unique. Located South of Paso Robles, in Templeton, California, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards crafts compelling wines from 16 diverse appellations and more than 50 vineyards from California's Central Coast. "Enjoy Naturally" reflects the attitude and personalities of the people who have been creating these wines for over 25 years.

VINEYARD

The 2007 Cheval Sauvage Pinot Noir comes from several renowned vineyards including: Garey Vineyard, Bien Nacido Vineyard and Sierra Madre Vineyard. Oriented east to west, the Santa Maria Valley is influenced by the fog and coastal breezes introduced by the Pacific Ocean. This makes for a longer growing season and the ability for the vineyards to produce lower yields increasing the aptitude for concentrated fruit and even ripening. The cool climate that these vineyards experience provides the ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING

The small lots of Pinot Noir that comprise this blend were fermented in small open top fermentors where the must was punched down 2-3 times per day during primary fermentation. Each lot spent at least 10 to 14 days on skins to maximize extraction, achieve softer tannins, and stabilize color. After pressing, each lot was then racked once from tank into 100% French oak coopers consisting of Cadus, Damy, Remond, and Francois Freres to complete malolactic fermentation and undergo 14 months of aging. We selected only the finest barrels to produce an extremely limited bottling.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2007 Cheval Sauvage has beautiful Old World earthy aromas followed by an abundance of brown sugar, strawberries, and Asian spices. With extremely silky and lush tannins that coat the tongue from beginning to end, savor this exclusive Pinot Noir with grilled salmon or a tender cut of roast beef with sautéed mushrooms.

TECHNICAL

Composition: 100 % Pinot Noir

Appellation: 50% Sierra Madre Vineyard, 30% Garey Vineyard, and 20% Bien Nacido, Santa Maria Valley

Ph: 3.51

TA: 6.67 g/L

Alcohol: 14.0 %

Barrel: 100% French Oak

Time in Barrel: 14 months