

ROBERT SINSEY VINEYARDS



THE PERFECT CIRCLE PINOT NOIRS

THREE AMIGOS VINEYARD • VANDAL VINEYARD • FOUR VINEYARDS
LOS CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY, 2009



- *Organic - CCOF Certified Vineyards*
- *Biodynamic - Demeter Certified Vineyards*
- *RSV owns and farms all vineyards*
- *No purchased fruit, RSV planted every vine*
- *100% Pinot Noir*
- *Lot by lot selection for structure and expression*
- *Heirloom selections and French clones*
- *Barrel aged 11-14 months*
- *100% French oak barrels, 40% new*

THE PERFECT CIRCLE

Every vineyard and every growing season creates a wine with a personality born of the elements. Of all grape varieties, Pinot Noir is a particularly impressionable and expressive variety whose character is sculpted by heat summation, modified by weather anomalies, and defined by timing to make Pinot Noir the ideal conduit for channeling the essence of vineyard and vintage into a bottle. RSV's Perfect Circle Pinot Noirs are a culmination of over twenty-five years of working with the rhythms of nature, learning the eccentricities of the grape and discovering how the two interact with place.

Character begins and ends with the soil. The Perfect Circle is RSV's philosophy of working with nature to close the loop, going beyond the quick fix, to find natural, holistic methods that sever dependency on, and the quick fix mentality of, chemical farming. Conventional farming is more like mining whereas

organic, and particularly Biodynamic, farming mimics nature's processes to replenish the soil through natural methods. What comes out, must go back in. This is the Perfect Circle.

The Perfect Circle is also a non-profit arm of the Robert Sinskey Foundation designed to improve our understanding of natural processes and give back to the land through grants and education. For more information, visit robertsinskey.com

WINEGROWING NOTES

2009 was practically the perfect growing season - rain in the right amounts and at the right time in the spring, heat when we needed it (but not too much) in the summer, just enough cool weather in the fall to allow the grapes to reach physical maturity as well as sugar ripeness. And then - just enough time to get the grapes in before the early winter rains began.

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VINEYARD PERSONALITY



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THREE AMIGOS VINEYARD

Influenced by its proximity to the San Pablo Bay, the Three Amigos Vineyard is one of RSV's coolest vineyards. As a result, its wines harbor a bright, zingy, berry-fruit character of raspberries and cranberries. It is not a simple, one trick pony. This vineyard, planted by RSV over 29 years ago with heirloom selections and French clones, creates a wine with layers of complexity that many consider to be the most expressive Pinot Noir produced by RSV.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas and flavors of bright yet delicate cranberry and raspberry fruit combine with darker brooding elements like tea and earth. A silken texture carries the flavors beautifully for a long mouthwatering finish that keeps one coming back for more.

TA: 6.0 g/l PH: 3.48 Alc: 13.5%



VANDAL VINEYARD

The heirlooms and French clones of the Vandal Vineyard contribute to the voice of this unique site. The Vandal Vineyard straddles a ridge of land that rises out of upper Carneros to join the shoulder of Mt. Veeder. Removed a bit from the Bay, there's slightly more sun and protection from the wind than the lower Carneros, with soils that are better drained, for a more assertive style of Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of purple plum and sour cherry fruit with a beguiling forest floor undercurrent demands attention. The wine is bright and focused with fruit that hovers in the darker stone fruit spectrum. Elegant and balanced with tannins that are somewhat brash yet still weave a sensual texture, this wine is a beautiful expression of the upper Carneros region.

TA: 6.1 g/l PH: 3.50 Alc: 13.3%



FOUR VINEYARDS

The Four Vineyards Pinot Noir is a romantic vision. Culled from RSV's four organic and Biodynamic vineyards on the Napa Valley side of the Carneros, these vineyards are planted with "heirloom" massal selections of Pinot Noir that have been refined by trial and error over the last thirty years. These heirlooms, in combination with late ripening French clones, provide the palette to create an elegant, balanced and ethereal Pinot Noir. The Four Vineyards span the Carneros from the Vandal Vineyard at the foothills of Mount Veeder to the Three Amigos Vineyard near the Napa Marina. Each vineyard has its own distinct micro-climate and each selection of Pinot Noir on each site responds uniquely to vintage. RSV can then choose, from thirty-two different selections, the most expressive and complimentary in the creation of a "quietly powerful" Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Sculpted like a thoroughbred, this broad chested wine has little body fat. Razor sharp focus with aromas and flavors of cranberry, strawberry and tart stonefruit, it almost vibrates with youthful exuberance. A swirl in a glass or a splash in a decanter will bring forth warm earth and spice notes that hint at more to come.

TA: 6.2 g/l PH: 3.44 Alc: 13.2%

