

The 2008 Doctor's Vineyard Pinot Noir is the inaugural wine from Bruliam Wines. On the nose, the wine exhibits beautiful notes of ripe plums, raspberries, and blackberries, a background of baking spices and clove, and just a hint of warm earth and leather. After sitting in the glass for 15 - 20 minutes, an elegant floral overtone of lavender and violets emerges, providing a surprising and rewarding secondtake for patient drinkers. On the palate, the wine has an uncommonly smooth and sexy mouth feel and a lingering, long finish. Drink now through 2014.

\$52/bottle.

## Harvest

The 2008 harvest season was difficult throughout California with significant spring frosts and early summer fires in certain areas. Crop yields were down, but the fruit that was harvested, especially from the Santa Lucia Highlands, was beautiful.

The fruit for our 2008 Doctor's Vineyard Pinot Noir was hand harvested on September 8, 2008. The fruit was hand sorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry on September 9, 2008. At harvest, we recorded the following measurements:

°Brix: 27 pH: 3.64 TA: 6.7

#### Fermentation:

Following a 5-day cold soak, we inoculated on September 14, 2008. Fermentation temperatures peaked at 33.2° Celsius before primary fermentation was concluded and we pressed the must on September 21, 2008. We barreled the wine as 70% free run and 30% press fraction. We inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel on November 7, 2008.

## Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 11 months in 50% new French oak from Remond using a Medium Plus Toast.

#### Blending:

The wine was co-fermented with 75% Dijon 115 clone and 25% Calera clone. Through multiple blending sessions, we blended in smaller amounts of clones 667, 2A, and swan.

# **Bottling:**

We bottled this wine on August 24, 2008. The wine was aged in bottle for three months before release. Our very first bottle of this wine was auctioned off with 100% of the proceeds benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. The winning bid price was \$610.

#### **About Bruliam Wines**

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith and Brian Overstreet, the name is an amalgamation of our three young children's names. We've documented our start-up and on-going growth extensively on our blog at <a href="https://www.bruliamwines.com">www.bruliamwines.com</a>. Our overall goal at Bruliam Wines is to craft world class wines while using 100% of our profits to support charitable organizations. During our first year, Bruliam donated \$2,500 to a variety of charitable organizations selected by our followers through our Brigade program. For more information, please visit us at <a href="https://www.bruliamwines.com">www.bruliamwines.com</a>