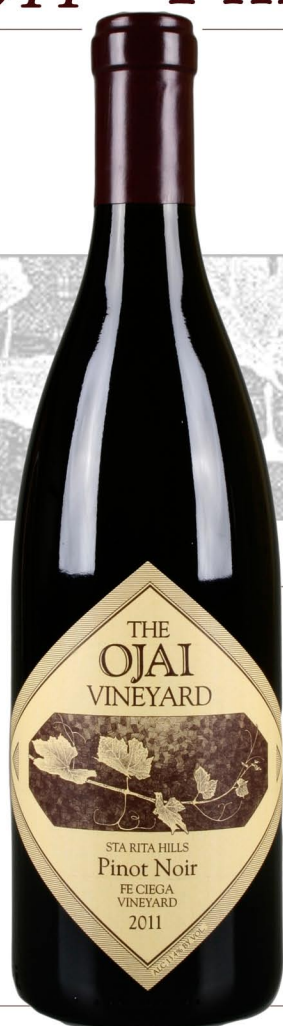


2011 Pinot Noir

Fe Ciega, Santa Maria Valley



Winemaker
Adam Tolmach



Winemaker's Notes

As you know from my recent comments I am enchanted by the 2011 wines we made. It was hard to imagine anything better than 2010, but 2011 gave us the combination of a cool growing season with incredibly low yields. This produced wines with amazing concentration and freshness—and nowhere is the quality of the vintage more evident than at Fe Ciega.

Winemaker Rick Longoria lovingly farms this terrific site and generously allows us to purchase a small portion of his vineyard's production. Rick and I agree that there is only a moment in time when the character of the vineyard fully expresses itself. Picked a couple of days too soon or too late and all is lost. The raw material here at Fe Ciega is so interesting—it has the acidity that is needed for good balance and it possesses a unique vineyard personality that is intriguing. While it is always fruit filled, deeply colored and dense, it is not particularly fruity—this is a wine that speaks of its earthy origins!

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Fe Ciega
AVA: Santa Rita Hills
Alcohol: 13.4%
Vinification: 30% New French Oak
Barrel Aging: 15 Months
Total Production: 204 Cases

Press Reviews

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
"Bright ruby-red. Vibrant, intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry, cherry-cola and floral oils are accented with a note of white pepper. Sharply delineated and sweet in the mouth, with strong, floral raspberry liqueur and bitter cherry flavors. The juicy, persistent finish builds in sweetness, with silky tannins and excellent depth of flavor." - JR

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