

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2006 Pinot Noir

Paso Robles

The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Patrice and Robert Nadeau. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. At nearly 2000 feet in elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

The Wine

The Nadeau Family Vintners 2006 Pinot Noir was grown on a small, steeply sloped vineyard block west of Paso Robles in a cool site within the "Dover Canyon watershed." The wine from these grapes is surprisingly dark with a pleasant fruitiness and a slight earthiness which aficionados expect from high-quality Pinot Noir. Layers of fruit mingle with well-integrated oak, making this a wonderful wine to accompany cheeses and reasonably robust fare.

The Blend

100% Pinot Noir

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2006 Vintage

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 24.3 Brix; TA: 0.66 gm./100mL; pH: 3.50

Finished Wine EtOH: 14.2% By Vol.

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 9 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. This wine was racked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity. Aged in one to three year-old French and American oak barrels until it was racked, filtered and bottled.

The 2006 Vintage yielded only **8 Barrels (almost 200 cases.)**

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