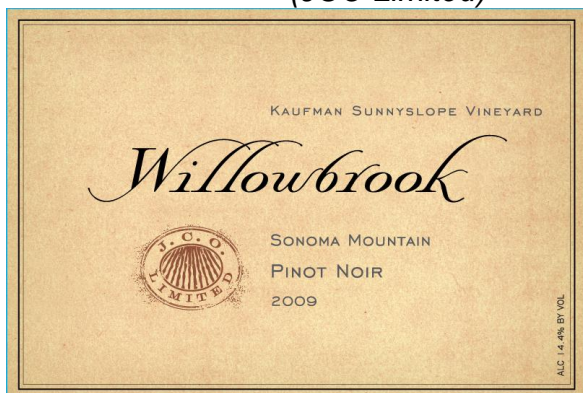


2009 Willowbrook
PINOT NOIR – Kaufman
Sunnyslope Vineyard
Sonoma Mountain
(JCO Limited)



APPELLATION

Sonoma Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

AGING

French Oak

RS

0.02 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.4%

BOTTLED

March 2011

RELEASE DATE

July 2011

PRODUCTION

192 cases

BOTTLE SIZE

750 ml

RETAIL

\$ 42

2009 Kaufman Sunnyslope Vineyard Pinot Noir vineyard is located in the western corner of the Sonoma Mountain between the Silver Pines and Van der Kamp vineyards. The vineyard is planted with approximately seven acres of premium Pinot Noir clones.

The vineyard is a mix of Dijon, and clone 23. The hilltop vineyard receives 180-degree sun, and much warmer days than what we are used to in Russian River, with much more intense winds in the afternoon. This combination of sun, heat and wind puts a very different type of stress on the vine and produces a much richer, fuller bodied Pinot Noir.

2009 was a long mild growing season with a particularly late harvest. September started off with a ten day long heat spell followed by a cool 3 to 4 weeks. This gave the nearly fully ripened fruit extra hang time to develop additional flavor. The vineyard had a maximum time to develop intense flavors and aromas. The vineyard is noted for a round rich texture with intense aromas of red raspberries, brown spices and long rich finish. The wine is enjoyable now but has the body and flavor intensity to age for an additional five years. An ideal wine with Game, Duck and more seasoned chicken dishes.

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WILLOWBROOK

Kaufman Sunnyslope Vineyard

Pinot Noir

Sonoma Mountain 2009

\$42.00



A nice bit of mildly creamy oak is aligned with compact, well-defined cherry-like fruit in both the aromas and flavors of this attractive young Pinot Noir, and, while not at all lacking for ripeness, the wine exhibits a fine sense of balance and composition. It shows a bit of acid-accentuated astringency at the finish, but its insistent fruit effortlessly outlasts its scant back-palate tannins and convinces that several years of certain improvement lie ahead here.

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