

Loredona

Varietal: Pinot Noir
Region: Monterey, California
Vintage: 2009
Alcohol: 13.5%
Price: \$21.25



Wine
Collective

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Pinot Noir is a notoriously finicky grape. We think it's worth the trouble of its very specific growing conditions as it gives us some of the most fantastic red Burgundy wines. There have also been some exceptional new world Pinots coming from New Zealand and Oregon which are only now starting to be built up to the level of finesse of those from France. California Pinot Noirs, like many others, are frustratingly hit or miss, especially at this price point. What growers have found is that they need the moderating influence of the ocean fog to correct for the extra heat California gets versus the Burgundy (or Oregon) region. Loredona produces this excellent example from the Monterey area of California where warm days are offset by cool nights and marine breezes. We would suggest a service temperature of 15 degrees Celsius and would drink this bottle within the next 2 years. Don't be afraid to cool this Pinot Noir down!

Stemware: Riedel Vinum Extreme Burgundy / Pinot Noir Wine Glass

Eyes: This wine is light trending towards medium in body. It looks like a Pinot, nothing huge but it has some body to it.

Nose: Break out the most bulbous glass you can find as this wine is a pleasure to smell. It is a bit rustic with some earth showing, but clearly the huge fruit fragrances are the stars of the show. The bouquet is very intense featuring cherry and ripe strawberry. It is one of those wines which makes you feel good just to inhale.

Mouth: This wine is a fresh example of a New World Pinot Noir. The medium acidity balances well with the low to medium tannins. We feel this Pinot should be enjoyed with food. Our tasters picked up cherry, red berries and some juicy strawberries, which matches the intense nose in flavour. We also enjoyed the lengthy finish.

Food Pairing: Seared ahi tuna served with wild rice and mushrooms to counter the luscious fruit flavours of the wine.

What do you think?

EYES

Clarity: clear - cloudy - dull

Intensity: pale - medium - deep

Colour: purple - ruby - garnet - brick - brown

Notes:

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Intensity: light - medium - pronounced

Aroma: cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry

blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate - flowers

vanilla - oak - smoke - pepper - coffee - leather - game - mint - green

pepper - earth - tar - stones - minerals

Notes:

MOUTH

Sweetness: dry - off-dry - sweet

Acidity: low - medium - high

Tannin: low - medium - high

Body: light - medium - full

Flavour: cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry

blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate - flowers

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Finish: short - medium - long

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