

Renteria

2002 Pinot Noir
Buena Tierra Vineyard
Russian River Valley

Vineyards

The Buena Tierra Vineyard was one of the first vineyards planted on 5-C rootstock nearly 25 years ago and one of the few still remaining. Located just 1.5 miles southeast of the Rochioli Vineyard, Buena Tierra is heavily influenced by the Russian River which, over the years has meandered over the land which is now the vineyard. Despite the well draining sandy clay loam soil, the vineyard is selectively irrigated in order to maintain and hold the vines without invigorating. The vineyard is crop thinned three times during the growing season eventually producing 3 tons per acre.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand picked and sorted in the early morning. Gravity feeding into small, open-top tanks after a gentle crushing allowed for the full expression of the variety and terroir. A three-day cold soak prior to the onset of fermentation gave greater depth of fruit and richness. The tanks were punched down by hand four times per day during the seven-day fermentation. The wine was kept on the skins an additional seven days for tannin integration then gently pressed into 50% new small Burgundian barrels and aged without racking.

Tasting Notes

Classic Pinot Noir aromas of rose petal, dark cherry and berries. Mouth feel is soft and velvety with silky tannins that produce an elegant and lengthy finish.

Statistics

Alcohol	14.5%
Production	294 cases
Release Date	June 2004
Suggested Retail Price	\$40.00
Winemaker	Karen Culler