

2011 North Coast  
*Two Brothers Pinot noir*

I love drinking this wine. I wish I could just write that. Even the best wines sometimes are best described simply: it's delicious, we love to drink it, I hope I can hold on to enough to age it (because it will age well). While more fruit forward (and brambly fruit at that) than the 2010, there is a dimension of purity and freshness to the fruit that is very compelling. The spice is more cedar-like and cardamom-like similar to 2009, but the wine excites me most in its supple, energetic texture that combines lushness and minerality. Enjoy cheerfully with friends or all alone or while cooking or...fill in the blank.

*Vineyard Notes:*

**Location**

- Steiner Ranch (Sonoma Mountain ~ 35%)
- Perli Vineyard (Mendocino ~ 25%)
- Goldrock Ridge (Western Sonoma Coast ~ 25%)
- Walker Vine Hill (Russian River Valley ~ 15%)

**Site Description**

With Steiner Ranch 1000 ft and Perli Vineyard 1800 ft above sea level, we combined two high elevation and two coastal vineyards. Their free draining soils, north or east facing slopes, and windy conditions to maintain cool temperatures & evoke spice amongst Pinot Noir's fruit.

**Harvest Dates**

September 20 - 30, 2011

*Cellar Notes:*

**Winemaking**

With very little handling, 40% whole cluster, and minimal amounts of new oak we try to optimize the combination of wonderful California Pinot fruit and spiciness from stem inclusion.

**Percentage New Oak**

20%

**Composition**

100% Pinot noir

**Barrel Aging**

18 months

**Alcohol**

14.4%

**Bottling Date**

March 29, 2013

**Production**

900 cases



*Wine Advocate: 91 - 93 pts*