

Hatton Daniels | Pinot Noir

Robert's Road Vineyard | Sonoma Coast AVA



The Story: This is a true story of expecting to kiss a frog and finding beautiful wines and great people. Hatton Daniels is a tiny Napa winery working with unusual varietals: Dornfelder, Blaufränkisch, Zweigelt, and Malvasia Bianco, in addition to Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. Dan Fishman is the winemaker, who in 2007 worked at Calvert Woodley Fine Wine & Spirits in DC. He makes some of the most interesting California wines we have tasted in a long time. Production ranges from 25-115 cases so there is not much to go around, but they are worth seeking out.

Vineyard: Robert's Road Vineyard located at the base of Sonoma Mountain at the base of Petaluma Gap. It is bordered by Copeland Creek to the north which drains into the Russian River while the southern end drains into the San Pablo Bay. It's unusual for a vineyard site to be bordered by two watersheds. The growing season is long, slow, and even, making good balance. Fog lasts until mid-day and it is always one of the last vineyards to be harvested. Only Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are grown here.. Grapes were harvested on August 31, hand sorted and destemmed immediately.

Vinification: Fermentation started naturally, with its native yeast, as the fruit warmed up, and lasted 5 days. Once daily pumpovers, 11 days macerated before being pressed. The wine then underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel.

Ageing: Aged on the lees in 500L barrels for 16 months.

Everything else you want to know about this wine: Burgundian in style due to the vineyard site, what stands out most about the wine is the integration of the tannin, which makes the wine both structured and velvety at the same time, and gives remarkable length on the finish. The inaugural vintage of the Pinot Noir from Robert's Road was 2009. The image on the label of this Pinot Noir changes with vintage.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Region: North Coast AVA, CA

Winemaker: Dan Fishman

Vines Age: 20 years

Production: 888 bottles

Farming: Working Organic,
Certified Sustainable

Soil: Well drained with Silty
Gravel

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