



# CARMEL ROAD

2008 PINOT NOIR

## MONTEREY

Carmel Road Winery is located in the heart of Monterey County where the air is crisp and the tempo is relaxed and measured. Most mornings our vineyards are shrouded in fog. Most afternoons a brisk Pacific Ocean wind blows southward along the ridge tops and benchlands of the Salinas Valley delivering fresh, cool maritime air. For years our region was considered too cold and windy to grow world-class grapes. Today, Monterey boasts some of the most highly-acclaimed AVAs in all of California.

## OUR VINEYARDS

The wines of Carmel Road come from a remarkable group of vineyards that lie within the Salinas Valley of Monterey County. On the western side, the alluvial plain stretches from the mouth of Monterey Bay southward along the eastern-facing benchland in the rain shadow of the Santa Lucia range down to the entrance of the Arroyo Seco Canyon. The eastern side of the valley sits on the foothills of the Gabilan Range and constitutes a series of west-facing alluvial hillsides. The foothills here receive more afternoon sunshine, which promotes a riper fruit profile.

## WINEMAKING

At Carmel Road, we've tailored our viticulture and winemaking techniques to capture the compelling character of our unique climate and soils. Our Pinot Noirs are known for their rich flavors and brilliant varietal characteristics. The 2008 is a rich and complex wine, marked by black cherry and roses with warm spice and refreshing raspberry tones on the velvety finish.

## TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION:	100% PINOT NOIR
VINEYARD SOURCES:	PANORAMA, CHUALAR CANYON, CLARK & PORTER
APPELLATION:	MONTEREY COUNTY
CLONES:	667, 777, 115, 2A, 828, 23
BARREL AGING:	9 MONTHS IN 98% FRENCH OAK (17% NEW) AND 2% AMERICAN OAK (100% NEW)
ALCOHOL:	14%
PH:	3.78
TOTAL ACIDITY:	0.54 G/100ML
BOTTLING DATE:	SEPTEMBER 2009
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