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Canihan Family Cellars 2009 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast



Located in southern Sonoma Valley near Los Carneros is Canihan Family Cellars, owned and operated by Bill Canihan who is proudly carrying out his family dream, one award-winning wine at a time. Canihan's inspiration for the small winery is steeped in family history and pays homage to his grandfather who dreamed of one day owning his own winery.

The dream dates back to 1920 when a young man named August Siegrist came to America in search of a better life. Siegrist was Canihan's grandfather, and had grown up supporting his family in Switzerland by working the nearby vineyards. While farming the hillside plantings of Pinot Noir and other cool-climate varietals, Siegrist developed a respect for nature and sustainable farming, along with a cultivated love of wine. Siegrist came to America in 1920 made his way into California wine country. Unfortunately, his timing couldn't have been worse as the country was thrown with the onset of Prohibition and he was forced to set aside his love for wine and refocus his dreams. Siegrist never gave up on his passion for wine though, and through the years, passed his interest and enthusiasm onto his family.

In 1975, William Canihan, Sr. (Siegrist's son-in-law) purchased 20 acres of Basque farmland in Sonoma County with the intent of one day planting wine grapes. The land had been farmed organically for over 60 years and seemed an ideal setting for growing premium wine grapes. Fast forward to 1998, and William's son, Bill Canihan, was inspired to finally carry out his family's dream. Bill sought out noted viticulturist Phil Coturri to direct the planting of the vineyard on his family's property and winemaker Alexandra Romanini to assist them in producing the first wines. They were determined to maintain the organic practices to keep August Siegrist's vision alive, and of course chose to go with Pinot Noir as their primary varietal. The first official vintage of Canihan Family Cellars was made in 2004.

Bill Canihan has since found great success with his extremely limited production wines, validated by the consistently high scores and rave reviews from prominent industry periodicals. What an awesome success story and tribute to this family dream.

Accolades & Tasting Notes

93 POINTS -Beverage Testing Institute

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER + GOLD MEDAL -Pinot Noir Shootout

Canihan's 2009 100% Certified Organic Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a deliciously bold New-World styled wine with incredible rave reviews - it's no wonder this wine is Sold Out at the winery. Deep garnet in color, this Pinot Noir exudes rich aromas of berry fruit, chocolate cherry tart, and hints of herbs and spices. The palate is elegant and luxurious with dark fruit flavors, creamy vanilla, and notes of nut, spice, and oak on the finish. An excellent wine! Aged 22 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2017.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$50.00 /bottle

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