

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection*

Sierra Madre Vineyard
2008 'Block 216' Pinot Noir
 Santa Maria Valley
Just 190 Cases Produced!

Nestled in one of the most intimate winegrowing regions in California, the Sierra Madre Vineyard is located just fifteen miles from the west coast in the Santa Maria River Valley. Although this historic site has been the source for premium Santa Maria wine grapes for over three decades, today the vineyard is also known for its boutique wine brand that began in 2003 when the property was acquired by Doug and Jan Circle. Doug Circle comes from a family history of agriculture, and found his niche growing and selling premium strawberries throughout California, Arizona, and Mexico. Over the span of his career, Doug has owned more than 25 strawberry farms and even established the \$300 million frozen and fresh strawberry operation called Sunrise Growers/Frozsun Foods. The Sierra Madre Vineyard location was of particular interest to him, not only because it included a 60-acre strawberry operation, but it also introduced the opportunity to become a serious wine grape grower. Doug couldn't resist the challenge to work with world-class wine grapes, and following his entrepreneurial spirit, founded the Sierra Madre Vineyard and Winery with the help of vineyard manager Rodolfo Callado and veteran winemaker Steve Rasmussen. Together, they are an expert team and have quickly established the tiny winery as a serious one-to-watch on the Central Coast.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Just 190 Cases Produced! From one of the Central Coast's most coveted appellations comes a stunning, limited production Pinot Noir from the historic Sierra Madre Vineyard. This 2008 'Block 216' Pinot Noir is from a particular block of the estate vineyard that proved to be so exceptional on its own, that it was released as a single bottling. Winemaker Steve Rasmussen incorporated Burgundian winemaking techniques to enhance the grapes' naturally intense, luscious flavors that the vineyard has become so well known for and the result proved to be incredibly rewarding. The 2008 vintage garnered 93 Points from the *International Wine Review* and stands as one of the most highly sought after releases from the tiny Santa Maria winery. Refined aromas of dark berries, spice and blueberries are complimented by a complex range of flavors on the palate, a full mouthfeel, and an expansive range of dark fruit notes and velvety black cherry undertones. Try pairing the Sierra Madre 2008 'Block 216' Pinot Noir with smoked pork, grilled seafood, or sausage and mushroom pizza. Aged 16 months in oak. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy now until 2015.

Winery Direct: \$45.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:**2-Bottle Members: \$37.00****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$34.50**

*2 bottle min. order.

Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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**93 Points!***- International Wine Review*