

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S *Pinot Noir Press*



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*S*MALL + TALL WINES

A very *small* (and not tall) winery located on California's Central Coast, Small + Tall Wines is the passion project of winemaker Joanne Duray who strives to craft Burgundian style wines of character and grace.



Small + Tall Wines is a boutique winery focused on producing very limited amounts of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool-climate growing regions of Sta. Rita Hills and Santa Maria Valley. Headed by owner and winemaker Joanne Duray, Small + Tall started with a dream and a passion for great wine and although still *small* in size, hopes to grow a little *taller* over time.

Joanne Duray developed her curiosity for wine as a child while spending time watching her Italian immigrant grandfather tend to his wines in his Michigan basement. When she was a little *taller*, Joanne studied and earned a Vintage Certificate from UCLA, gained her credential as a Certified Specialist of Wine from the Society of Wine Educators, and studied chemistry at the heralded UC Davis. In 2011, after much imbibing and finishing her studies, Joanne transitioned from an award-winning hobby winemaker to a commercial winemaker.

Along the way, Joanne gained valuable winemaking experience and knowledge while volunteering for award-winning winemaker Peter Hunken at his small Central Coast wineries Hocus Pocus and Holus Bolus. She also had the opportunity to intern for Wes Hagen of Clos Pepe Vineyards, and after two growing

seasons and long nights of harvests, Joanne started making wine on her own. Small + Tall Wines became a reality with an extremely limited release of 2011 Huber Vineyard Pinot Noir and Clos Pepe Vineyard Chardonnay.

Knowing that great wines start in the vineyard, Joanne carefully selects her fruit sources to assure that Small + Tall Wines can achieve great results with their Burgundian style Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. Currently, the winery works with such acclaimed vineyard sites as Clos Pepe Vineyard, Huber Vineyard, Garey Vineyard, and Rancho la Vina Vineyard, all located within either the Sta. Rita Hills appellation or Santa Maria Valley of California's Central Coast. These cool-climate regions continuously prove to be ideal locations for producing premium quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay - and they are actually among the best places in the state for these Burgundian style varietals.

Now in just her fifth year of production, Joanne Duray has much to celebrate as her small passion project winery is praised by many and awarded by such esteemed periodicals as *Wine Enthusiast* magazine. Her wines are a gorgeous representation of the Central Coast's top vineyards and we look forward to following her journey as the *small* Small + Tall eventually grows very *tall*.

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER



Owner and winemaker Joanne Duray strives to highlight the unique flavor characteristics that are specific to each vineyard she sources fruit from for the Small + Tall Wines label. At the winery, the grapes are hand-nurtured in small lots to gently coax out delicate flavors and aromas, focusing on bringing out all the natural complexity of the fruit while seeking balance and brilliance with minimal intervention. Joanne feels privileged to work with fabulous fruit and alongside amazing friends, fulfilling her dream and passion of crafting wines of character and simple grace. We hope you enjoy her specially selected wine for this month's *Pinot Noir Series* feature, and continue to follow her journey in the coming years as Small + Tall grows a little taller.



SMALL + TALL 2012 GAREY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Small + Tall's 2012 "Little Joy" 2012 Garey Vineyard Pinot Noir is the winery's first Santa Maria Valley Pinot, produced from an incredible vineyard site that has one of the most extensive assortments of Pinot Noir clones found anywhere on the Central Coast. Although light and delicate in style, this wine speaks volumes with its savory, complex flavors of raspberry, blueberry, cranberry, truffle, cherry cola, nutmeg and wet earth. Aged 16 months in French oak. 100% Pinot Noir.

93 POINTS

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