

PLUS!

Gold Series Selection

Willowbrook Cellars
2008 Sonoma County Pinot Noir
 Sonoma County
1,100 Cases Produced

There seems to be an incredibly specific passion within the California wine community concerning the Pinot Noir grape, one that is as fixated as it is contagious, and Joe Otos caught the bug early on. Joe Otos is the winemaker and soul behind Sonoma County's Willowbrook Cellars – a major up and coming producer of vineyard-designated Pinot Noirs. While attending Sonoma State University, Otos was introduced to the local wine community by visiting the nearby tasting rooms with friends from college. His interest and curiosity spiked immediately, and he was especially drawn to the elegant yet finicky qualities of the Pinot Noir grape. Otos started working part time at Ravenswood Winery before moving on to Wellington Vineyards where he assisted with winemaking for four harvests. During this time, Otos formulated a business plan that would ultimately become Willowbrook Cellars. He joined forces with friends John Tracy and Ed Sillari, and their combined experiences were all the pieces needed to get the new project underway. In 2001, the three founded Willowbrook Cellars and they haven't looked back since. Today, the small winery produces a comfortable 2,500 cases of premium Sonoma County Pinot Noirs and the friends couldn't be more pleased with the successes they have found along the way.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Willowbrook Cellars' 2008 Sonoma County Pinot Noir is a blend of small lots of Pinot Noir from around Sonoma County with a small amount added from the Napa Valley side of Carneros to promote complexity and layers in the finished product. This special blend was hand selected and blended by winemaker Joe Otos to bring across that classic Willowbrook style and character. He scoured through Sonoma County seeking Pinot Noir that offered an exciting component that would help distinguish the final blend. The resulting wine offers intense dark fruit with hints of coffee and chocolate and a slight floral overtone that only leaves you wanting more. The *California State Fair* awards this stunning wine **94 Points** with a **Best of Class** distinction and a **Gold Medal**. Willowbrook's 2008 Sonoma County Pinot Noir also garnered a **Gold Medal** from the *Long Beach Grand Cru*, a **Gold Medal** from the *Los Angeles International Wine Competition*, and a **Gold Medal** from the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*. Tasting beautifully now, this wine also has the structure and intensity to hold up for a few more years in the cellar. Aged 10 months in oak. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy now until 2014.

REORDERS

2008 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

Winery Direct: \$24.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2-Bottle Members: \$20.50 /bottle

4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$19.00 /bottle

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.
 (plus shipping)

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