



*“Main
vineyards,
classical
winemaking,
limited
production”*

PISONI VINEYARD

*Santa Lucia Highlands
Monterey County*

Planted 1991

Pinot Noir clones:

Vosne-Romanée 100%

Elevation: 1,500 feet

Soil: decomposed granite

Exposure: east to northeast

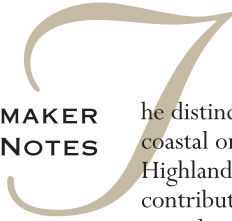


PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

1998
LE MOULIN
ROUGE
Pinot Noir



**WINEMAKER
NOTES**



he distinctive aromas and flavors of Le Moulin Rouge exhibit its coastal origin, the Pisoni Vineyard on the slopes of Santa Lucia Highlands in Monterey County. The coastal soil and climate contribute a dense yet delicate richness and add to the wine's complexity. The clone, originating from Burgundy's Vosne-Romanée, is expressed in the wine's concentrated perfume and distinct varietal expression.

Grapes were handpicked in early October and then cold soaked in a holding tank for four days. A gentle punching down of the grapes by hand twice daily during fermentation in small open top fermentors contributed intense color extraction and soft, round tannins. Our 1998 Le Moulin Rouge was aged in small French oak barrels for 15 months. Bottled in February 2000.

**TASTING
NOTES**

Saturated red ruby color. Aromas vibrant with wild strawberry, black cherry and dried orange peel. Notes of black tea leaves and juicy pomegranate interspersed with oak nuances of spice, caramel and coffee. A dense palate laced with rich, ripe fruit impressions accentuated by silky, yet assertive tannins. The 1998 possesses a unique balance, full body, concentrated extract and a fine finish. This Pinot noir is a fusion of traditional Burgundian and neoclassical Californian winemaking techniques. The wine is ready for near term enjoyment and has the richness, extract and structure for four to six more years of aging.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: October 2nd & 7th, 1998
Aged in 50% new French oak barrels from the cooperages of
François Frères and Louis Latour
Bottled February 2nd, 2000
Alcohol: 14.1%, pH 3.55, TA 5.5 g/L
Production: 364 cases 750ml bottles and 120 1.5L bottles
Release date: September 1, 2000