



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

PISONI VINEYARD

*Santa Lucia Highlands
Monterey County*

Planted 1991

Pinot Noir selection:

Vosne-Romanée 100%

Elevation: 1,500 feet

Soil: decomposed granite

Exposure: east to northeast



PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

2001
LE MOULIN
ROUGE
Pinot Noir



**WINEMAKER
NOTES**

The

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 late August 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 2001 Le Moulin Rouge was aged in small French oak barrels for 16 months.

**TASTING
NOTES**

Essences of bergamot, wild strawberry and black tea leaves dominate the beginning of this intricate Pinot Noir. Underlying hints of mint, raspberry, rhubarb and rose fill out the bouquet. The silk ripe tannins complete this fully developed wine indicative of the 2001 vintage, the most successful yet for our Pinot Noir program. Enjoy now and for years to come.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: August 30th, 2001
Aged in 50% new French oak barrels
Unfined and unfiltered
Alcohol: 15.4%
Bottled January 29th, 2003
Production: 421 cases 750ml bottles and 35 1.5L bottles
Released: September 1, 2003