

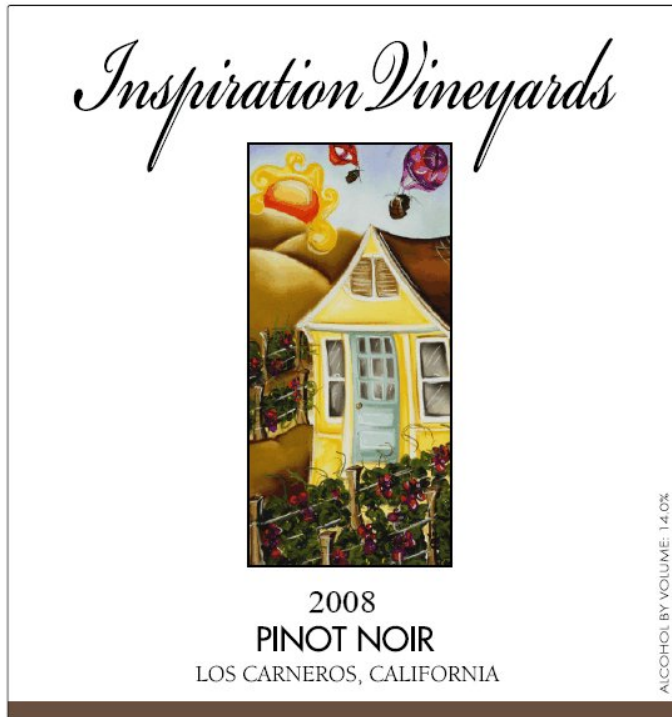


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## 2008 Pinot Noir ~ Los Carneros, Sonoma County Technical Information



**Vineyard:** Martin Ranch  
**Appellation:** Los Carneros, Sonoma County

**Varietal Blend:** Dijon Clones: 667 (75%)  
115 (25%)

**Harvest Date:** September 4<sup>th</sup> 2008  
September 5<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Brix at Harvest:** 25.5° & 25.0°

**Total Acid:** .648 g/L & .658 g/L

**pH:** 3.63 & 3.61

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Fermentation / Cellaring:** Open-top fermented, celled in a combination of two and three year old French oak barrels for 11 months.

**Bottled Date:** August 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Release Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

**Cases Produced:** 264

The grapes for this wine come from a small hand tended vineyard in the Los Carneros region of Sonoma County. Each grape cluster is individually selected for quality, to produce an intensely rich and opulent wine.

**Tasting Notes:** Very reminiscent of our award winning 2007 vintage, this wine is potentially another award winner and the last vintage from this vineyard in Los Carneros! You will find flavors of strawberries with an earthiness and hints of tobacco which we feel makes this wine seductive and as alluring as those Pinot specimens found across the sea in France. We also continue to believe that Pinot Noir should not be masked by a lot of oak flavors; for this vintage like others, we used two and three year old French oak during the 11 months that this wine aged; allowing for a beautifully balanced wine that will improve with age over the next four to six years.

