



La Fenêtre

2011 Presqu'île Pinot Noir,
Santa Maria Valley

I founded La Fenêtre in 2005 after repeated trips to the Santa Barbara County wine country. After working with the wines professionally as a sommelier, and then visiting the winemakers and the places I loved it was time to get my hands dirty. I chose Santa Barbara because of its unique terroir which allows me to produce a range of varietals in a classic style.

—Joshua Klapper

About

Having apprenticed with some of California and the world's best winemakers, namely Jim Clendenen (Au Bon Climat), Bob Lindquist (Qupé), and Jim Adelman (Makor) a classic technique and delicate hand is always employed in the winery. All grapes are harvested around 23.5 brix (13.5-14% Alc.). Wherever possible, La Fenêtre is committed to sustainable, organic, and biodynamic vineyard practices. Reds are destemmed into 1½ ton fermenters and punched down by hand until dry. The free run juice is then collected, the must is gently pressed, and the wine is aged in small French barrels for 11-23 months before being bottled. Whites are whole cluster pressed, allowed to settle for one day and fermented in barrel where they undergo the alcoholic fermentation and then 100% Malolactic fermentation. They then spend 11-18 months in small French barrels before being bottled

Once again I would like to sing the praises of Presqu'île! Planted in the late 1990's (when the vineyard was called Addamo), the section our fruit comes from is one of the most perfectly manicured blocks of Pinot Noir I have ever seen. All clone 777, this part of Santa Maria, called the Solomon Hills, has been long recognized as a perfect terroir for dense, powerful, yet distinctly elegant fruit, which is the

hallmark of the region. Owned by the Murphy family who has a passion for perfection, not a penny is spared in the growing of each cluster and the consistency over the last three vintages shows it. Again for 2011 we did part of the fermentation whole cluster, which is a big component of this wine.

Deep red, this wine has quite a bit of power. The nose hints of cherry cola, cinnamon, and baking spices and the whole cluster adds a spicy, earthy element not unlike the smell of soil and red flowers after a warm spring rain. The palate is full, with a good amount of grip and fine tannin to balance the lushness of the Dijon Clone 777. The long finish evokes cloves, a touch of vanilla bean, and almonds. Drink 2014-2025+.

Technical Data

Vintage:	2011
Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Presqu'île Vineyard
Harvest Date:	Throughout 9/2011
Harvest Brix:	21.3
pH:	3.6
Élevage:	18 months
Cooperage:	Francois Frères, 33% new
Bottled:	March 2013
TA (g/100ml):	0.65
Alcohol:	12.6%
MLF:	100% Malolactic Fermentation
Production:	314 cases