



2019 Domaine du Docteur Rodgers

OVERVIEW

Domaine Du Docteur Rodgers is located at TJ and Valeta Rodger's residence in the San Francisco Bay AVA. The wine is made in an on-site farmhouse winery that evokes images of Vosne-Romanée and the magic of Romanée-Conti.

VINEYARD

Clos de la Tech's five Pinot Noirs come from three estate vineyards: Domaine du Docteur Rodgers, Domaine Valeta, and Domaine Lois Louise. Planted in 1994, **Domaine du Docteur Rodgers** is a one-acre, rolling hilltop vineyard in the town of Woodside, along the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Domaine du Docteur Rodgers is a super-dense "goblet" format at 6132 vines per acre with our preferred Dijon 828 Pinot Noir clone. It is a relatively cool, dry, protected site that consistently produces dramatically rich and concentrated Pinot Noirs.

WINE MAKING

The fruit was hand-harvested between September 20th and October 7th. After a 5-7 day cold soak, the grapes underwent traditional vinification methods including foot crushing, whole cluster fermentation with native yeast, malolactic fermentation on lees and gravity transfer (no pumping). The wine was aged in François Frères barrels (Bertrange Forest) for 17 months and hand bottled unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Nose: Aromas of black cherry, bay leaf, mint, vanilla, toast, and spicy oak.

Palate: Full bodied and mouth-filling, rich and complex, long elegant finish.

Summary: One of the finest vintages yet of DDR, a classic Pinot Noir that will be at its best through 2030, or longer.

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION : 100% Pinot Noir

ALC. BY VOL. : 13.2%

VINEYARD : Domaine du Docteur Rodgers, 1 Acre

WINE pH : 3.70

BARREL AGING : 17 months in François Frères, 80% new

FERMENTATION: Native Yeast

HARVEST DATES: 9/20 – 10/7

PRODUCTION: 147 Cases

BOTTLE AGING: 3-1/2 years

WINEMAKER: Valeta Rodgers