

2006 BEACON HILL PINOT NOIR



THE VINEYARD

This release presents us with a proud but wistful occasion: offering you the very last Beacon Hill Pinot Noir to be produced by Soter Vineyards. The vineyard sits at 300 feet elevation and is comprised of both Willakenzie and Carlton soil series--they are clay loam over fractured siltstone and sandstone. The Pinot Noir plantings are 50% own-rooted Pomard as well as Wadenswil and Dijon selections.

TASTING NOTE

The 2006 Beacon Hill is likely the most forward and open-knit version Soter Vineyards has produced. It has the vineyard's bright cranberry fruit, accented with raspberries, almonds, rose petal, and balsam. The tannins are rounder and softer than previous vintages, but the wine's considerable stuffing leaves no doubt that this will be another star for the cellar. The ripeness of the 2006 vintage balanced this vineyard's typical acidity beautifully, creating a perfect storm for the last offering from Beacon Hill. It is a fitting exit for a vineyard that has produced some of Soter's finest wines--opulent, red-fruited, and built to last.

ACCOLADES

"The 2006 Pinot Noir Beacon Hill reveals a touch of eucalyptus in its attractive perfume. Darker, denser, and more structured than its North Valley sibling, this well-balanced, lengthy effort will evolve for 2-3 years." --92 points

The Wine Advocate

"Brilliant red color. Sexy bouquet of wild strawberry, raspberry, mocha and clove. Pliant red fruit flavors gain weight and power with air, picking up blackberry and anise qualities. Spice notes increase on the long, juicy finish. This flab-free pinot really stains the palate." --91 points

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

"Bright and jazzy, with chalky overtones to the raspberry and floral flavors, finishing lively, with a sense of harmony as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2016." --91 points

The Wine Spectator

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