



## 2009 LaRue Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir



The 2009 LaRue Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a blend from three coastal vineyards near the towns of Occidental and Sebastopol. This wine has aromas of cranberry and cream that evolve into cola and black tea, blueberry, and forest floor. Subtle barrel notes of cinnamon and nutmeg round off the aroma. The mouthfeel is lush with the acid carrying the mid-palate. This wine has a solid structure with a clean, creamy oak finish.

Production: 300 cases

Aged for 16 months in French oak (30% new)

Alcohol: 13.5%

## **Reviews**

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar Issue 156, May/June 2011 2009 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Bright red. Powerful aromas of cherry compote, blackberry, black cardamom and smoky minerals, with a suave floral quality and a hint of resinous herbs. Mouthfilling dark berry flavors are given bite by tangy acidity and pick up a candied violet nuance with air. Plenty rich in flavor but there's a weightless quality to this wine. Finishes sappy, clinging and very long, leaving spice and floral notes behind. Has the heft to handle rich foods without coming across as heavy; pretty impressive for a freshman effort. 91



## **Our Story**

LaRue. To some a beautiful name, to one woman a pesky given name that she never cared for. Veona LaRue Newell was a very special woman. She was a woman who lived through the Depression with four small children. She was the great-grandmother of owner and winemaker Katy Wilson. She never let a thing get her down and stayed witty even at 97 years old. She was and continues to be an inspiration.

Veona LaRue was a firm believer that if you put your nose to the grindstone,

then you will be able to accomplish almost anything. With her as a role model, Katy worked her way from being a small town farm girl to earning her Bachelor's Degree in both Wine & Viticulture and Agricultural Business from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She then went on to work at wineries such as Joseph Phelps, Torbreck, Craggy Range, Flowers and now Kamen.



During her time at Flowers, she fell in love with the Sonoma Coast and truly developed a passion for making pinot noir. It is with this passion that she has made LaRue Wines.

