



Grand Firepeak C U V É E

2002 EDNA VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Take the best of the vintage. The best blocks of the vineyard and endless hours in the cellar tasting through each individual barrel. The result, limited quantities of the finest Cuvee our Firepeak Vineyard and winemaker Christian Roguenant have to offer. Simply, our best of the best.

Appellation & the 2002 Growing Season

The Firepeak Vineyard is located in the Edna Valley at the foot of Islay Mountain, the last in a chain of extinct volcanoes known as the Seven Sisters. Located just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, the Firepeak Vineyard is the first to benefit from the cool maritime breezes funneling in from the Morro Bay. Everything the Niven family (Baileyana's owners) has learned in thirty years of research and grape growing has gone into this vineyard. The 2002 season was the best harvest for Pinot Noir in the last decade. Smaller than normal berry sizes produced a dark intensely rich wine with loads of deep color, bigger tannins, constructing a more muscular full bodied wine. Low yields, and our long growing season delivered optimum conditions for this concentrated Pinot Noir that will long be remembered as one of the best vintages on record. The resulting wine is a blend of Christian's endless hours in our cellars hand selecting his favorite barrels for Baileyana's flagship Pinot Noir.

Winemaker, Christian Roguenant's Comments:

"This elegant Pinot Noir exhibits complex flavors of fresh black cherry, black raspberry fruit, and spice. The structure of soft, dense tannins as well as a concentration of varietal character will guarantee magnificent flavor development in future years."

Baileyana and Firepeak Vineyard Facts & Figures

- **Founded** in 1991 by Catharine Niven whose husband Jack pioneered the planting of grapes in the Edna Valley in the early 1970's.
- **Winemaker, Christian Roguenant:** Born and educated in Burgundy. Has made wine on 5 continents.
- **Firepeak Vineyard:** Planted to Pinot Noir (5 clones), Chardonnay (3 clones), and Syrah (3 clones). Total acreage of 192 acres.
- **Soils:** Nicknamed "Dirt of the Devil" - clay loam, rocky marine sediment, and volcanic remnants.
- **The Edna Valley:** Located in San Luis Obispo. Established as an AVA in 1982.
- **Winery:** Built in 1999 to Christian Roguenant's specifications. High tech in design, yet old world tradition is the foundation of our winemaking practices.



Vineyard Source:	100% Pinot Noir Firepeak Vineyard, Edna Valley
Clonal Selection:	777
Tons per Acre	2.2 tons
Harvest Date:	9/20/02 - 10/5/02
Avg. Brix at Harvest:	25.7
Yeast Strains:	Bg/RC 212, Assmanhausen
Fermentation:	Open-top Fermentors 3 days Cold Soaking 15 days, 90 Degrees
Cooperage Used:	Cadus, Seguin Moreau, Damy, and Rousseau
Barrel Regime:	40% New French Oak 60% 1 year and older French Oak
Barrel Aging:	10 months 3 months Sur-Lies
Alcohol:	14.1%
Acid:	6.70 gms/l
pH @ Bottling:	3.65
Bottling Date:	August 18, 2003
Aging Potential:	12-15 years
Cases Produced:	550 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$38.00

