



Grand Firepeak C U V É E

2003 EDNA VALLEY, FIREPEAK VINEYARD
"The GFC"
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 2003 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 2003 growing season was typical of the region, with long summer days tempered by cool evening fog. These ideal conditions resulted in extended time on the vine, allowing the berries to develop intense and complex varietal flavors while achieving optimum maturity levels. These factors, along with the usual low yields the vineyard produced this vintage, contributed to a finished Pinot Noir of up-front fruit flavors, low pH and good acid structure.

Winemaker, Christian Roguenant's Comments:

"Fruiter and fresher than some Pinot Noirs, this wine is intensely characteristic of its varietal. It is packed with flavors of rich black cherries and luscious black raspberry jam, with a hint of spice in the background. Smooth tannins and a velvety texture finish off nicely, leaving the palate asking for more."

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, Pommard, & 667
Tons per Acre	2.9 tons
Harvest Date:	9/10/03 - 10/16/03
Avg. Brix at Harvest:	25.8
Yeast Strains:	Bg/RC 212, Assmanhausen
Fermentation:	Open-top Fermentors 5 days Cold Soaking 15 days, 85 Degrees
Cooperage Used:	Cadus, Seguin Moreau, Damy, Rousseau, Remond
Barrel Regime:	40% New French Oak 60% 1 year and older French Oak
Barrel Aging:	16 months 6 months Sur-Lies
Alcohol:	14.1%
Acid:	6.50 gms/l
pH @ Bottling:	3.63
Bottling Date:	February 16, 2005
Aging Potential:	10 -15 years
Cases Produced:	805 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$38.00

