

BARNETT VINEYARDS
Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

PINOT NOIR
Viento Valle
Anderson Valley
2008

Harvest Date:	September 29 th , 2008
Grape Source:	Anahala Vineyard, Anderson Valley
Clonal Blend:	100% Pinot Noir, Pommard Clone
Aging:	10 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new and 50% once used
Alcohol:	14.1%
Yeast:	RC212
Production:	509 cases
Release Date:	September 2009
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vineyard Notes: The Viento Valle is a proprietary name representing some of the best fruit within the Anderson Valley AVA. Viento Valle translates from Spanish into Wind Valley. This relates to an exceptional attribute of Anderson Valley, which is the wind that blows in off the Pacific Ocean to moderate temperatures and hasten ripening. This allows for a longer flavor development phase, which lends perfect to the formation of a complex Pinot Noir. Some of the most exceptional Pinot Noir from the area ends up in our Viento Valle.

Winemaker Notes: This single clone block was hand picked at optimal ripeness, which was earlier than previous years since the flavors were fuller prior to sugar development. The fruit was immediately crushed into open top tanks with dry ice and cold soaked for 5 days, after which gentle punch downs were performed twice a day for 9 days. When moved to barrel the last of the primary fermentation occurred followed by a slow malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: Pomegranate and white pepper soar out of the glass, with rhubarb pie and a dusty earth minerality following behind. The wine has generous viscosity with full-blown cherry and brown sugar on the mid-palette. The soft tannins and bright acid suggest that the wine will hold nicely over the next 4-6 years (2010-2016).