

SPELL

2011 Alder Springs Vineyard

Pinot Noir
Mendocino



The Alder Springs Vineyard is located 12 miles west of the Pacific Ocean, overlooking the town of Laytonville in the center of Mendocino County. The fruit for the Spell wines comes from two blocks located at an elevation that ranges between 1700 to 1900 feet on a Southeastern facing slope. The low-vigor, volcanic-based soils produce wines of distinctive character.

A dark purple garnet color introduces aromas of black raspberry, boysenberry, sandalwood, smoke and ground sage. Concentrated flavors of blueberry, raspberry, and ripe strawberry mingle with toasted grains, earth and bay leaf, sumac and juniper notes. The mountain fruit origin is detectable in the tannin structure and mineral elements, on the finish, are highlighted by wild berry fruit flavors. Drink now or over the next 8 – 10 years.

91 points | Stephen Tanzer's IWC

Bright ruby. Sexy smoke- and spice-accented aromas of raspberry, cola, saffras and dried rose.

Lively, penetrating red fruit flavors take a darker turn with air, picking up notes of cherry pit and bitter chocolate. Shows impressive flavor intensity with little weight; in fact, this pinot comes off quite lithe. Closes tangy, nervy and long, with harmonious tannins adding grip.

100 Cases produced
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