blagden

Chardonnay

2009 | Antonio Mountain

Blagden is a small producer of Vineyard Designate Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from the Petaluma Gap and Sonoma Coast and Cabernet Sauvignons from Moon Mountain and Napa Valley. Annual production is usually less than 500 cases and most lot sizes are no bigger than 200 cases. Not all grapes make it into the Blagden production as Catherine Blagden chooses only the best barrels for each vineyard designate blend, assuring the best quality wine from that vineyard. Catherine has an M.S. from UC Davis and has been making wine since 2003. Blagden's 2013 Sangiacomo Pinot Noir won the 11th Annual International Women's Wine Making Competition which was announced June 2018.

Tasting notes

Golden color, clear and bright, the creamy hazelnut nose blends with dried sweet flowers on the palate. A firm oaky vanilla spice blends with a tart backbone that carries the wine through the mouth with flavors of apricots and baked apple spice with a consistent and long finish.

Balanced and complex, this wine is drinkable now, but should age nicely for another 10 or more years.

Vineyard notes

Situated in the most southwest corner of Sonoma County, less than 5 miles from Tomales Bay and just north of the Marin line, this vineyard sits beneath Antonio Mountain. Planted in 1991 by an old dairy family in western Sonoma County, this was an early Sonoma Coast vineyard. It is a very cool climate site that grows stunning Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Inoculated with Montrachet yeast, barrel fermented and inoculated with Enoferm Alpha for 100% malolactic fermentation

Clone: Old Wente

Root stock: 110R

Oak: 100% French, 20% new. 10 months in barrel

Harvested: 10/15/09

Bottled: 8/16/10

Produced: 140 cases

Released : Spring 2013

Finished wine

pH: 3.28 TA: 6.7 g/L Alcohol: 13.4%

