

VINEYARD PROFILE

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NAME OF VINEYARD: LESTER FAMILY VINEYARD AT DEER PARK

LOCATION: 2000 Pleasant Valley Road

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1998

VARIETALS PLANTED: Pinot Noir, Syrah

HISTORY:

This vineyard was planted with quality and sustainability as the primary objectives and is maintained with careful hands-on management. Emphasis is on balanced vines that require minimal inputs. Modern and ancient growing techniques combine to produce premium fruit grown to full maturity with balanced acidity, flavors, and sugars. Sustainable agricultural practices include no herbicide use, VSP trellising, careful canopy management that allows for air movement and stippled lighting around the fruit, minimal late season deficit irrigation, cover crops and no-till floor management.

There are 7 different clones in the 12 acres of Pinot Noir: Dijon 667, Dijon 777, Dijon 115, Mt. Eden, Mariafeld, Wadenswil, and Jackson 09 for color. Approximately 65% of the vineyard is dedicated to the Dijon clones and the balance is divided up among the others listed. The diversity of clones combine to create a rich, complex wine full of fruit both velvety and full bodied. The wine provides a long finish on the palate and a memorable experience for the soul.

There are 2.2 acres of Syrah featuring two premium clones: Hermitage and 877. The cool season fruit produces a syrah with rich fruit flavors and lingering tones. Natives of France have fondly described it as reminiscent of their village wines. Tonnage is kept low to ensure full ripeness and healthy fruit.

