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2009 Alexana Pinot Noir Dundee Hills, Revana Vineyard

THE PROPERTY

The Revana Vineyard is located in the Dundee Hills appellation of Oregon's Willamette Valley. This unique appellation is marked by distinct geographic elements that effectively insulate this region from the dramatic weather variations experienced in other nearby growing areas. True to the appellation, our 80-acre property possesses an incredibly diverse and complex series of soils and exposures. Located between 360 and 640 feet above sea level, the site has eighteen soil types spread over a combination of rolling hills, steep slopes and some rugged terrain.

2009 GROWING SEASON

The 2009 growing season started with late bud break (nothing new these days!), was very warm with quite a few heat spikes and ultimately grew into a longer growing season. We got some rain Labor Day, which created a little anxiety, but it stopped, without any bursting. Due to the long, warm season the clusters were huge – almost Syrah size! They were about 180 to 200 grams per cluster, twice the normal size of 80 to 100 grams. An amazing amount of fruit was dropped, but some vineyards still came in at 3 to 4 tons per acre. Since it was warm, the wines are juicy, fruity, higher alcohol, and more approachable younger in comparison to the wines from 2007 and 2008.

TASTING NOTES

Due to the transition of soil types from Volcanic to Sedimentary in the Revana Vineyard, the fruit tends to produce unique flavor profiles that stray slightly from what we have come to expect from the Dundee Hills. Pleasant earthiness is highlighted by aromas gushing with red fruit and cocoa nibs, culminating with a caress of sweet red plums. On the entrance, the Pinot Noir is delicate, and teases with red berry bramble, then explodes mid-palate with juicy intense fruit and nutrient-rich soil, creating a vast expansiveness. The transition to the finish is more refined and stays with you, leaving beautiful faint memories of red currants and terrior. The 2009 Revana Vineyard Pinot Noir was aged for nine months in 16% new French oak and is a blend of 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, Pommard and Wadenswil clones.



TECHNICAL DATA

<i>Appellation</i>	Dundee Hills
<i>Varieties</i>	100% Pinot Noir
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.6%
<i>Maturation</i>	9 months in French Oak. 10 month bottle aging
<i>Release Date</i>	June 1, 2011
<i>Production</i>	1900 cases