

Jasper

2006 SONOMA COAST, USA

Name Story Jasper is named for a red semi-precious stone found in California with legendary properties to drive away evil spirits and to offer healing powers.

Vineyards and Winemaking Dijon clones planted on cool sloping hillsides with sandy loam soils. Small lots fermented in open-top containers. Cold soaked for several days and punched down by hand. Aged for 10 months in French oak (25% new).

Grapes 100% Pinot Noir.
Picked: September 25–October 25, 2006.

Tasting Notes *Aroma:* Raspberry and black cherry with notes of baking spices. *Taste:* Deep black cherry with Mexican chocolate overtones, enveloped in silky tannins.

Drink by Date Now through 2012.

Winemaker *Dan Goldfield.* Named *San Francisco Chronicle's* "Winemaker to Watch," Dan Goldfield has worked at some of the best wineries in Sonoma (La Crema, Hartford Court) before joining the Oriel team. He masterfully employs traditional Burgundian-style techniques to create elegant, expressive wines.

Reviews



89 pts: "A very nice Pinot Noir, rich and vibrant, that needs smoky, grilled meat or a nice slice of Gouda to show its stuff. Dry and crisp in acidity, its flavors of cherries, grilled black raspberries and cedary oak flood the palate, leading to a long, spicy finish."

