Schug 2010 Pinot Noir - Diablo silty clay



Tasting notes:

A complex wine with a rich bouquet of cherries, berries and hints of spicy new oak. It has flavors reminiscent of black cherry, currant and strawberry, followed by a rich, spicy texture and a long silky finish.



Soil notes:

At the intersection of a volcano, ocean, river, and bay, the dark, clay-rich Diablo soil has formed. These soils are characterized by swelling when wet and shrinking and cracking when dry. Here the subsoil smells of oceans, and the climate is kissed by bay fog and ocean breezes.





Carneros AVA:

The Carneros region is located at the southernmost parts of the Sonoma and Napa valleys and is profoundly influenced by the maritime breezes and fog that impacts the area from its southern border with the San Pablo Bay. Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and sparkling wines do well in this mitigated climate.

Soil facts:

Shrink-swell soils are challenging to manage. They are difficult to irrigate when dry and display slow water movement when wet. Shrink-swell soils are known to destroy structures (foundations, sidewalks, roads, etc.) and can damage roots. Some claim that shrink-swell stresses the vines, which gives rise to desirable sensory components in the fruit.



