



2009 Pinot Noir Akiko's Cuvee Sonoma Coast

Rating: **93 points**

Medium red. Sexy, highly perfumed scents of wild strawberry, raspberry, cola, potpourri and allspice, with a slow-building mineral quality and a hint of white pepper. Stains the palate with sweet red berry and floral pastille flavors and picks up a subtle smoky note on the back half. Shows superb intensity without excess weight, finishing with serious persistence on a suave note of allspice. This should be singing in about three years, not that there's any crime in enjoying it now.



2009 Pinot Noir Keefer Ranch Russian River Valley

Rating: **92 points**

Vivid red. Captivating perfume of raspberry, spicecake, rose and minerals. Very ripe but juicy and bracing, with sweet red berry preserve, mineral and floral pastille flavors supported by a firm spine of minerality. Finishes with excellent focus and spicy, floral persistence.



2009 Chardonnay Ryo Fu Russian River Valley

Rating: **92 points**

Greenish yellow. Highly complex nose combines citrus pith, wet stone, iodine, toasty lees and spices. Silky on entry, then densely packed and ripe but dry in the mid-palate, with outstanding depth and energy to the lemon curd, mineral and floral flavors. With its excellent clarity and grip, this has the spine to age.



2009 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

Rating: **91 points**

Bright red. Deeper and darker in character than the Sonoma Coast bottling, displaying black raspberry, cherry pit and saffras aromas and flavors. Round and palate-coating, with very good depth and surprising back-end energy. Finishes smooth, sappy and impressively long. Give this some time in a decanter if you want to drink it now.



2009 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast

Rating: **91 points**

Medium red. Restrained but complex and pure aromas of wild red berries, cherry, rose petal and black tea. Sweet, complex and perfumed on the palate, with strawberry, redcurrant and spice flavors showing suave, layered depth. Finishes with a fine dusting of tannins and a lovely light touch, echoing the floral note. I really like this wine's finesse.

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