

## GIORGIO ODERO Pinot Nero dell'Oltrepò Pavese DOC

Grape variety: Pinot Noir Production area: foothills of Casteggio, in a single vineyard adjacent to the estate. Soil: lime/clay. Basic pH. Vineyards orientation: NW-NE Vineyards altitude: 160 m AMSL Training system: simple Guyot Average age of the vines: 14 years Vine density: 5.000 vines per hectare Yield: less than 1 kg per vine

**Harvest:** the grapes come from the central part of the historical Vigna del Pino. After light cluster trimming and leaf thinning in mid-July, we further selected the clusters shortly before harvest. The grapes are hand-harvested in 15 kg boxes, carefully selecting the best ones.

**Vinification:** destemming and gentle crushing of the grapes. Natural fermentation with indigenous yeasts in stainless-steel vats at a controlled temperature always kept below 26 °C. 14-day maceration. During maceration, the wine is punched down and pumped over several times, depending on the kinetics of the fermentation. A natural malolactic fermentation takes place in the autumn following the harvest in small second-fill oak barrels.

Ageing: 12 months in 25 hl barrels, 6 months in stainless-steel vats and a minimum of additional 12 months in bottle.

Sight: ruby red colour with garnet highlights.

Nose: intense, with notes of spices, ripe berries, peculiar balsamic overtones (pine and sage) and a closing note of Seville orange. **Palate:** fresh, fruity, fragrant and well-balanced. Fully reflective of the grape variety. Very elegant and balsamic, with an acidity which makes it very promising for ageing. **Ageing potential:** over 20 years.

## **Vintage: 2009**

**Date of harvest:** September 4th 2009 **Date of bottling:** July 15th 2011 **2009 production:** 7.654 bottles (0,75 l). Also available in magnum format (1,5 l).

## Notes about the 2009 vintage:

the vintage had a promising start with regular sprouting and standard temperatures. A fresh May with average rainfall values ensured a good deal of water for the summer months. June was very hot with some peaks of heat. July was quite dry, while in August there were many (and sometimes intense) storms. Before the harvest we had to select the best grapes because of the damages caused by hail in the previous months. The 2009 wines showed from the very beginning a marked fruitiness and tannins more present than usual.

## Analytical data:

- alcohol: 14,14% vol
- acidity: 5,3 g/l
- residual sugar: < 0,5 g/l
- sulphites: 70 mg/l
- dry extract: 27,4 g/l

First vintage: 1989

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