

~ VINTAGE NOTES 1985 ~

HARVEST 1985:

Exceptional vintage with normal crop load. Less than normal April rainfall and cool temperatures until late May. Rain in early June, then warm and dry. Warmer July than usual; August cooler than usual and drier. September and October warm and dry, permitting perfect grape maturity. Harvest was completed by mid-October, just before rains.



NOTE:

A fascinating vintage from all perspectives. The wine was generally (US and abroad) acclaimed a landmark in American Pinot Noir. The attention was extraordinary, our supply was miniscule. Collectors were seriously angry at the lack of wine. A remarkable vintage for observing the very pleasant along with the quite unattractive aspects of the wine market.