

2009

SUNSHINE VALLEY

PINOT NOIR



ORIGIN

Mogao vineyards near Wuwei, Hexi Corridor, Gansu Province, West China

TERROIR

Deep silty soils at an altitude of 1700m on the alpine desert of the loess plateau of the upper Huang He

CLIMATE

Dry summer with high diurnal temperature variation

FIGURES

Yield 70 hl/ha

Production 70.000 bottles

Alcohol 12.8%; Total acidity 5.4g/l (tartaric acid); pH 3.65

VITICULTURE

Harsh winter requires vine burying to overwinter leading to non-traditional canopy management. No use of pesticides or chemical fertilisers. Hand-harvested

VINIFICATION

Natural yeast. No additives. Regular fermentation with limited skin contact

AGEING

Raised for 12 months in French 250 lt oak casks (about half new and half used)

BOTTLING

No cold stabilization. Delicate fining. Light filtration



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