



KATHY'S CORNER

*I am so excited about this Pinot Noir, the celebrated first release from **FIDDLESTIX**. This ranch was named with the same playful spirit as my winery, Fiddlehead. Our approach to farming preserves the same uncompromising **commitment to quality** that I insist upon in Fiddlehead wines.*

*While I anticipate each vintage will feature several unique bottlings off the property, this vintage there is only one, and it is a **Lollapalooza** (something outstanding of its kind)! Once you taste this wine, you will be a true believer in this world-class Pinot Noir growing region. Most exciting is the natural inclination of this fruit to produce a wine layered with interest. I love the spiciness, and you may even find a hint of cocoa that speaks to your innermost chocolate cravings!*

Lavish this wine on your Pinot Noir-loving friends and enjoy this incredible treat.

Lollapalooza
2000 ESTATE PINOT NOIR
Santa Ynez Valley

THE ESTATE VINEYARD

- **Fiddlestix** is located at mile marker 7.28 on Santa Rosa Road, in the newly designated **Santa Rita Hills** appellation within the Santa Ynez Valley of Santa Barbara County, CA.
- This west side of the Valley is blessed with morning fog, mild afternoons, and evenings filled with cool ocean breezes... the **perfect cool climate** for a truly great Pinot Noir.
- This special parcel was lovingly planned and planted, and is farmed to match Fiddlehead's high winemaking standards. It is the culmination of a dream for Fiddlehead owner and winemaker, **Kathy Joseph**.
- The **2000 vintage** was balanced unto itself, with an early bud break, an extended growing season due to moderate heat all summer long, and a mid-September harvest under ideal conditions.
- At **Fiddlestix**, we drop fruit at least twice during the growing season, first to limit crop-load, balance the vine and concentrate flavors, and then at 80% veraison to ensure even ripening of the precious remaining Pinot Noir clusters.
- The fruit was picked by hand September 7-20, 2000.



THE WINE

- Three gentle punch-downs per day and a 12-day fermentation bring out the **rich layers** of this **deeply-hued** wine.
- A blend of Pommard and Dijon clones 113, 115, 667 & 777 cropped at less than ¼ ton per acre (third leaf crop).
- Aged one year in tight-grain French oak barrels (45% new) to restrict a **supple oak influence**.
- **Black raspberry fruit** penetrates both the aromas and the flavors ... an appellation signature!
- Lots of density (in this wine and in the vineyard) and long silky texture ... a Fiddlehead signature!
- Alcohol = 13.8% and pH = 3.6 ... for those that care.
- Reserve, Reserve, Reserve quality!!! 300 cases produced.