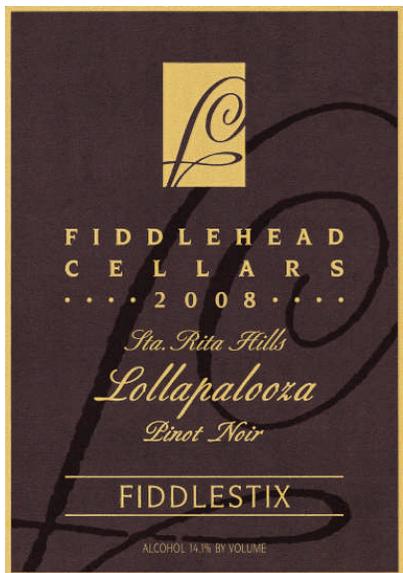


# FIDDLEHEAD CELLARS

Sta. Rita Hills  
*2008 Lollapalooza*  
FIDDLESTIX Vineyard Pinot Noir



## KATHY'S CORNER

*Lollapalooza says it all! This English word is defined as "the best of its kind". Perry Farrell used it for his rock concerts and I was lucky enough to obtain the trademark for wine. At Fiddlehead, I became an early believer in the cool climate of the Santa Ynez Valley now known as the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. I invested in land on Santa Rosa Rd, right in the heart of this awesome district. And now Fiddlestix Vineyard has grown up and supports incredible Pinot Noir vines that produce wines with charming character year after year. But as good as the place is, and as good as our farming is, and as good as our marriage of clones, wines and barrels is, we know that by virtue of the changing vintage, some barrels are destined to have that glow, that silkier texture, that cut above elegance that cannot be predicted. We taste every barrel over and over and find those few barrels that deliver more. That's our Lollapalooza!*

*Enjoy with Cheers!*

## THE ESTATE VINEYARD and VINTAGE

- Located in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills on Santa Rosa Road, in our unique east-west running valley, fog hovers over our vines until mid-morning and then coastal breezes take over the direct cooling influence. The soil is well-drained clay loam and imparts coveted spice, volume and concentration in Fiddlestix wines. Meticulously farmed with sustainability as the guiding force.
- This 2008 vintage will be remembered for its Spring frost that resulted in greatly reduced crop yields. At the winery, we celebrate the superb quality of small berries that create flavor and aromatic intensity; as a grower we lament the unavoidable high farming costs. In spite of turbulent weather patterns, timing of key phenological events was ideal for our discriminating winemaking needs.
- Night harvested September 8 – October 6, 2008

## THE WINE – 5 Barrels ONLY!

- A simply *stunning* vintage. This wine dances with seamless grace and teases with that unmistakable sexy Pinot Noir fragrance!



- This spectacular wine is expansive, mouth watering, and tremendously satisfying. It benefits from grapes that were field sorted, fermented in small batches in traditional open-top vats, with scrupulous attention given to each barrel as a personality of its own. This wine meticulously shrinks 100 acres of Fiddlestix Pinot Noir into 100 cases of *the most delicious* wine. It is bathed in layers of black cherry, cola, dark chocolate and soft dusty tannins, and has an earthy component that you often see in great Côte de Nuits vintages.
- About 35% new oak (specifically the more cherished tight-grain, 3-year air dried selections) weave into the wine slowly and with added finesse and elegance. Favorite coopers include Rousseau, Cadus, Bel Air, and Seguin Moreau. Our commitment to 15 months in the barrel and an extra year of bottle age integrate every nuance of new oak into velvety goodness.
- Clonal composition and Chemistry: 6% - 113, 14% - Pommard, 17% - 667, 28% - 115, 35% - 777; pH 3.42, 6.03 g/L Acid, 14.4% Alc.
- Only 110 cases were produced via an intense blind tasting of every barrel, isolating *the best of the cellar!*