

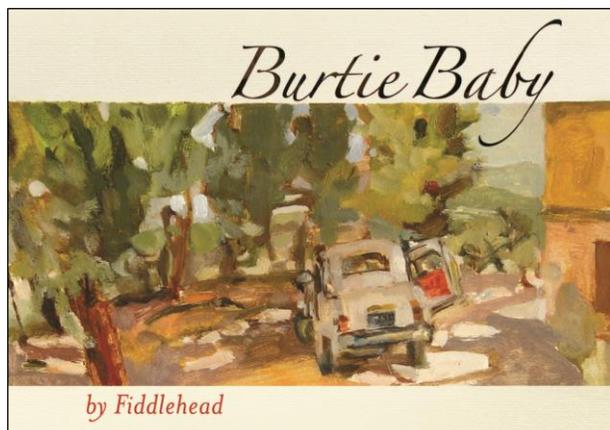
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2012 Burtie Baby

Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir

STA. RITA HILLS



KATHY'S CORNER

Wine steps up to its highest, most magical peak when you can capture a gratifying family connection; and Burtie Baby does just that! This one is about our Dads who help shape the heart and soul of our spirit. Mom's nickname for Dad is as charming as the wine, itself. And how fitting for my sister to capture in her painting our love of travel, a most worthy addition to the Fiddlehead collectable, artist series labels. A very special selection of just 9 barrels were hand-picked from the impressive 99 acres of Fiddlestix Vineyard. Burtie Baby is handsome in structure, rich in character and texture, and translates vine age at Fiddlestix into an impressive age-worthy package. It is a perfect complement to its sister wine, 'Lollapalooza', who has impressed us since 2000 with her corresponding feminine style.

With cheers to family, Kathy

- **The 2012 Vintage:** A terrific fruit set followed an early spring, with 19 inches of rainfall and no sign of frost. Small to medium-sized berries in generously even clusters delivered the desirable even extraction of supple grape tannins. Picking began on September 10th and stretched across a three week span.
- **The Estate Vineyard:** With its 34 unique blocks of Pinot noir planted in 1998, Fiddlestix Vineyard is 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 our wines. Meticulously farmed with sustainability as the guiding force (SIP Certified), a practice that extends from the vineyard to the winery.
- **The Wine:** Fiddlestix Vineyard terroir is ever so present in this exclusive release. It is laced with indelible notes of cola, anise and sweet spice, which are complimented by the richness of black cherry and brambly blackberries. Burtie Baby possesses refined strength and seamless balance in equal measure.
- **The Winemaking:** Fermented in small vats with gentle punches, and racked directly to barrel for malolactic fermentation, where it is aged for 15 months in 35% new French oak. Predominantly clones 667 & 115.
- pH = 3.50, Acid = 6.16 g/L, Alc = 14.2%
- **Production:** 241 cases

