



# AUTEUR

*"Impressive reds and whites have emerged from Auteur, including two brilliant Chardonnays from well-known vineyards. All are fermented with native yeasts and aged sur-lie with their malolactic fermentation blocked."*

**Robert Parker**  
March 2011

**Wine Spectator**

**HOT WINES**

**"Exciting California Chardonnays"**

**AUTEUR Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2009 93 points**

\$38 | 202 cases made | Red Complex and concentrated, with a vivid mix of blueberry, black-berry, tar, cedar and berry jam. Full-bodied, spicy and floral, folding together nicely on the finish. Drink now through 2018.—J.L.

**AUTEUR Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Sonoma Stage Vineyard 2009 93 points**

| \$60 | 145 cases made | Red Fragrant aromas of blackberry, jasmine tea and berry jam are full-bodied, tightly wound and intense on the palate, with a long, full, focused and persistent finish, where the flavors gain depth. Drink now through 2020.—J.L.

**AUTEUR Pinot Noir Mendocino ridge Manchester Ridge Vineyard 2009 94 points**

| \$50 | 123 cases made Red Ripe, pure and complex, offering generous plum, black cherry and blackberry fruit that's medium- to full-bodied, with floral scents that build and gain velocity and dimension on the palate, coming into an even tighter focus on the finish. Drink now through 2018. —J.L.

**AUTEUR Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Durell 2008 93 points**

Tight and firm, with vivid, well-structured peach, citrus blossom, tropical fruit and honeysuckle flavors that are pure, focused and concentrated. Should gain from cellaring. Drink now through 2017. 227 cases made. —J.L.

**AUTEUR Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Shea 2008 92 points**

**Editor's Note:** A bit chewy, but beautifully focused to show off its ripe cherry, black pepper, tobacco and floral aromas and flavors on an open texture, deftly knit with fine tannins. Lingers effortlessly on the finish. Best from 2012 through 2018. 225 cases made.—HS

As a winemaker-driven brand, our focus and passion at AUTEUR is to create profound, pure and classic wines embodying each varietal's masculine and feminine characteristics. To achieve this balance, we meticulously farm exceptional and unique vineyards in cool microclimates of coastal California and Oregon. Vineyard selection and understanding the individuality of these sites is critical to achieving true expression in our AUTEUR wines. Ensuring vine health in combination with proper stress, intense and early crop thinning in the growing season, and slight leaf shading, create fruit of great depth and concentration. Every year presents its unique set of parameters that motivate and channel our energy to create the best wine while paying respect to the characteristics of each individual vintage and the fruit that was grown.

-Kenneth & Laura Juhasz



**AUTEUR Chardonnay Durell Vineyard 2008 Score: 94** More orange zest, lemon rind, honeysuckle and tropical fruit notes are found in the 2008 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard (made from an old Wente clone). There is a subtle smoky component (from the 25% new French oak that is used) in this full-bodied, rich wine that displays great acids as well as a striking minerality. It should be consumed over the next 3-4 years. Drink 2011-2015.

**AUTEUR Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard 2008 Score: 92** The 2008 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard possesses crisp, steely, Chablis-like characteristics of white citrus, steely acids, medium to full-bodied flavors and lots of purity. It is impossible to find any hint of oak in this wine even though 25% new French oak was utilized. Drink this northern Burgundy-styled Chardonnay over the next 3-4 years. Drink 2011-2015

**AUTEUR Pinot Noir Sonoma Stage Vyd 2008 Score: 92** The 2008 Pinot Noir Sonoma Stage Vineyard, a blend of the well-known Calera and Swan clones, comes from a cool, windy terroir. It exhibits loads of plum, black currant, sweet cherry and raspberry characteristics intermixed with hints of Asian spice, forest floor and soil. The complex aromatics are followed by a full-bodied Pinot with outstanding depth, purity and richness. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. Drink 2011-2016

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