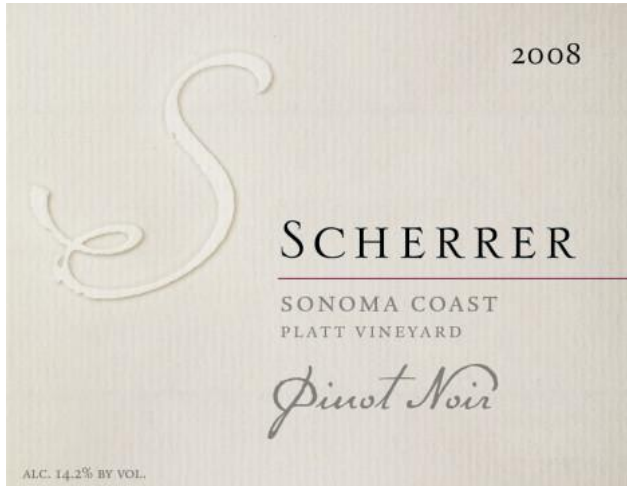


# Pinot Noir

## Platt Vineyard, 2008



Joan and Lew Platt planted these vines for us to work with on their property overlooking the town of Bodega. A very cool site with intelligently selected plant material that is well farmed is a Pinot Noir maker's dream. Red, black and blue fruit character with great structure, minerality and complexity are the result.

### Winemaker's Notes

With the 2008 Pinot Noir vintage, I could be accused of saving the best for last to release. I am pleased that this vineyard escaped both the spring frosts due to its elevation and the summer wildfire smoke issues [like Black Lightnin'] due to both its moderate elevation and how far south it was from the trajectory of the smoke plumes. It has a bit more red and blue fruits than the 2007 vintage and has a more interesting texture/layer/tension aspect to it. I've pondered which vintage I prefer: 2007 or 2008. I'm putting my money on this one by a nose. Win, place, or show, this vineyard is bound for the winners' circle.