

COMANCHE

CELLARS

HANDMADE MONTEREY COUNTY WINES

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2012 • PINOT NOIR

CHAREVA VINEYARD

ARROYO SECO

MONTEREY COUNTY

TASTING NOTES:

Continuing in the footsteps of the 2011 debut of this gorgeous Pinot from a vineyard at elevation in Arroyo Seco, Michael Simons has made another spicy, svelte beauty from this vineyard, named for owner, Frank Stanek's, two granddaughters, Charlotte and Eva.

This one begins with intensely spicy notes of orange bitters, ginger, sasparilla, wild plum, basil and wintergreen, then unfolds with generous heaps of raspberry-cranberry walnut compote, along with wild cherries and tangy plum tart.

Wonderfully layered and effortlessly acid-driven, this is a pinot for those who like big flavors without over doing the ripe fruit. It puts a premium on restraint, focus and distinctive flavors, all the while maintaining the savory elements that would make it an ideal pairing with a whole wheat pizza layered with sundried tomato basil pesto, smoky onions and a topping of Fontina and Parma ham.



Suggested Retail: \$34

Case Production: 90

Aged in 50% new French and Hungarian oak

Harvest Date: Oct. 11, 2012

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.4

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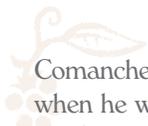
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Comanche Cellars is an ultra-tiny (under 1k cases) winery named after Comanche, owner Michael Simon's horse when he was ten years old. This trusty childhood companion was an important part of a young life, and his name is a loving tribute to this old friend. In his honor, Comanche Cellars wines are boldly flavored steeds, built to go the distance, with sure-footed speed and confidence. Simons is proud that Comanche's name and shoes are on every bottle of his wine. Maybe those horseshoes will bring you some good luck!

Comanche Cellars is located on California's Monterey Peninsula, where we take advantage of the incredible wealth of vineyards that can be found in almost every direction, except, perhaps, due West. We're happy to be in the sweet spot right now, as Wine Enthusiast recently named Monterey as one of the Top 5 winegrowing regions worldwide! With the Santa Lucia Highlands, Arroyo Seco and San Antonio Valley as superb growing areas, we believe we're creating incredibly beautiful wines that can and will rival the best the world has to offer.