

HAPPY CANYON VINEYARD

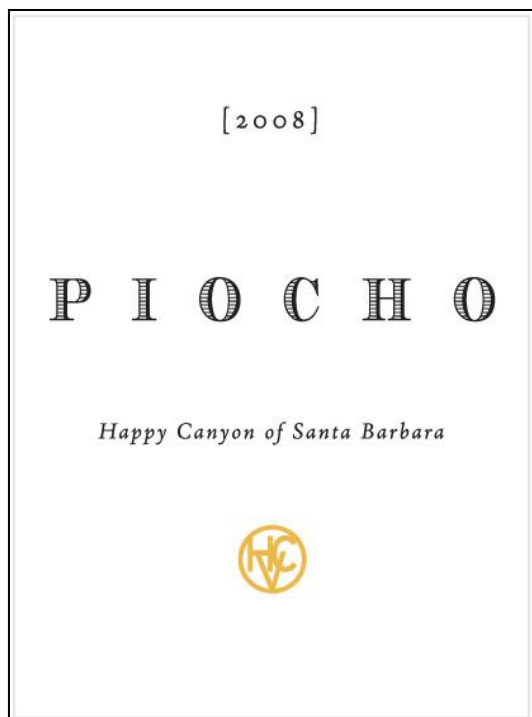


2008 Piocho

650 cases produced

Estate Grown

83% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, 7% Cabernet Franc



PIOCHO is slowly over the years becoming more of a Merlot based wine. As our hillside vines mature we are finding the quality and finesse of the Merlot judiciously blended with our other Bordeaux varietals make the most approachable wine. There is a simple deliciousness to the wine; a deliciousness that has become a trademark for the PIOCHO wine. The wine is matured in all Taransaud French oak barrels for 24 months, stirred in barrel and racked three times before bottling. The bouquet leaps out of the glass with dark fruits, blackberries, cassis, toasty vanilla and an earthiness that develops nicely in the glass. The palate is all encompassing, defined rich and round with soft tannins and an appealing balance with a mouth-watering velvety finish. There are layers of fine wood and grape tannins that balance with the red and black fruit flavors and provide the framework for the long and intense finish.