

DOMAINE VALETA "SUNNY SLOPE" A.V.A. Santa Cruz



WINERY

With caves tunneling deep into a vine-covered ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains and vineyards so steep they have to be farmed with a one-of-a-kind, specially designed tractor moved by cables, Clos de la Tech is one of the most ambitious and innovative Pinot Noir producers in California. The winery was founded in 1994 and continues to be operated by TJ Rodgers, CEO of Cypress Semiconductor, and his wife, Valeta. Some of the highlights at Clos de la Tech include extreme growing conditions, high-altitude terrain, vine-by-vine farming, high-density planting (4,150 vines per acre), low yields, innovative equipment, gravity-flow winery, whole cluster fermentations with native yeast, and no filtration.

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| Name: | Domaine Valeta "Sunny Slope" |
| Class: | Red |
| Region: | A.V.A. Santa Cruz |
| Vintage: | 2010 |
| Rating: | 95 Wine Enthusiast |
| Grape Varieties: | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Case / Bottle Size: | 12/750ml |
| Alcohol Volume: | 14% |

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of plum, black cherry and mulberry are enhanced by crushed graphite, clove dust, scarlet rose petals and menthol on the nose of this bottling. The palate reveals a stunning amount of depth, with eucalyptus leaf, white sage, violet petals, rose hips and pine needles giving depth to the rich black-plum fruit.

