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## Wine of the Week

# Sequana Dutton Ranch 2009 Pinot Noir

## 92 Points

“Based on price, this would seem to be the top-of-the-line Pinot from Sequana, and it tastes like it while still showing continuity with the other two wines. It is sweeter and more deeply flavored, yet still very delicate and subtle by comparison to the vast majority of Pinots from Sonoma or Monterey. Generous but still focused and restrained, this really delivers about as much purity and poise as you could hope to find from a California Pinot, reminding me of some of the terrific wines turned out by Saintsbury during the late 1990s that made almost everything else in the category look oafish by comparison.”

-- Michael Franz