

2005
MUKAIDA VINEYARD
Russian River Valley
P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the newly expanded Russian River Valley appellation, lies Mukaida Vineyard, located within Peters Vineyard. An ideal location for Pinot Noir, this former apple orchard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the mornings and evenings, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit, and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine.

Our initial offering of this wine was such a success, we are very pleased to honor Tom Mukaida again with this outstanding vineyard block designate. Tom is the father-in-law of Randy Peters, one of our long-standing growers and is a 3rd generation grower. Tom began his farming career with apples. In the early 80's Randy convinced him that there was a future in grapes and encouraged him to convert his apple orchards into vineyards and we're very glad he did. His finely honed farming abilities and ideal locale on Bodega Highway in Sebastopol translated well to grapes. Today they've got an exceptional collection of Pommard and 777 Pinot Noir clones that we rely on year after year. The fruit for this wine was carefully selected to be 'the best of the best'! It was whole-berry fermented and aged primarily on new oak.



TASTING NOTES

This seductive wine begins with its beautiful ruby color. On the nose you're further enticed by toast, caramel, and strawberry. Upon the first sip you'll be treated to a silky entrance followed by spicy flavors, caramel and smooth tannins. The long sweet oaky finish lingers pleasantly— just a mouthful!

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	Oct. 1, 2005
Brix at Harvest:	25.2—27.7
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.59g/100ml
pH:	3.67
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in François Frères French oak, 80% new, 20% 1 & 2-year-old
Bottled:	September 7, 2006
Production:	170 cases 750 ml
Retail Price:	\$75.00/750 ml \$160.00/1.5 L

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