



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2003

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

Russian River Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley, Leras Family Vineyards is making its' debut with this 2003 release. The Leras Family Vineyard has been a major component of our Russian River Valley blend for years and now is being released as a vineyard designate. We have been working with Nick Leras and his family for many years and are thrilled to see their name on our bottle.

The Leras Family Vineyard, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road, is planted with Pommard clones that are approximately 10 years old, as well as newer vine clones 115, 667 and 777. This vineyard embodies earthiness and minerals, the signature of Pinot Noir grown in the Russian River Valley

The grapes for this wine were picked over a two day period. The 2003 harvest was a bit earlier than in the past because of very warm weather in the Russian River Valley at the end of the season . The fruit was of excellent quality and very clean. Since bud brake was also early that year, the grapes had plenty of hang time which made up for the earlier harvest of this vineyard.

Ben R. Papapietro

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red in color leading to a highly aromatic nose of caramel, vanilla, clove, allspice, and smoke. The entry is velvety on the palate with rich flavors of blackberry fruit, cassis, and a hint of mint giving way to earthy minerals, spice and toast. The wine is full-bodied and well balanced with the fruit carrying through to a long complex finish.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	Sept. 17 & 18, 2003
Brix at Harvest:	25°
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.65g/100ml
pH:	3.7
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in François Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 & 2 -year old
Bottled:	Sept. 8, 2004
Production:	453 cases 750 ML 148 cases 375 ml

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