

2004

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

Russian River Valley

PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

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 2004 growing season was quite unusual. It was very warm early in the season which resulted in the grapes ripening very early. The sugars were high, so the fermentation process was quite a challenge. We held round the clock watches while the grapes were fermenting—they needed checking every hour. The harvest was the most difficult I have every personally participated in. As you can well imagine, we're very thrilled with the outcome after such a tough harvest. We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labor!

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WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept. 1-4 2004

Brix at Harvest: 24..5°-25.5°

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.59g/100ml

pH: 3.7

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1 & 2 -year old

Bottled: Sept. 1,2005

Production: 560 cases 750 ML

200 cases 375 ml

TASTING NOTES

Medium 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 cherry,, cassis, and hints of strawberry giving way to earthy minerals, spice and toast. The wine is medium-bodied and well balanced with the fruit carrying through to a lovely finish.

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