

2006

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

Russian River Valley

PINOTNOIR

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 12 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.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we handpunch each fermenter, sometimes as often as five or six time a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Frères French oak barrels, and then age for 11 months before bottling.

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WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept. 20 2006

Brix at Harvest: 24..2°

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.553g/100ml

pH: 3.81

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1 & 2 -year old

Bottled: Aug 17,2007

Production: 1200 cases 750 ML

TASTING NOTES

Garnet red in color leading to a highly aromatic nose of bing cherries, plum, and smoke. The entry is velvety on the palate with rich flavors of cherry, cassis, and hints of strawberry giving way to earthy minerals, and toast. The wine is medium-bodied, lush and extremely well balanced leading to a long, persistent fruit-driven finish.

Drink now through 2011

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