

2006

Russian River Valley

PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards in this appellation: Leras Family Vineyards, Elsbree Vineyards, Peters Vineyard, Sara Lee Vineyard, Windsor Oaks, and Sapphire Hill. Each vineyard holds its own distinction; and we feel that the fruit is among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

The 2006 growing season ended with an unusually cool summer which provided a long hang-time for the grapes, giving the wine very complex flavors.

During the fermentation and aging process, we keep each vineyard/clone separated, cold-soaking the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. We hand-punch to closely control the temperature, sometimes as often as five or six times a day, and age in Francois Frères barrels for 11 months before bottling.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept. 4-Oct.2 2006

Brix at Harvest: 23-27

Alcohol: 14.25%

T.A.: 0.566/100ml

pH: 3.84

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 30% new,

50% 1 & 2-year-old 20% 3 year-old

Bottled: August 20, 2006

Production: 900 cases 750 ml

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color with aromas of cherries and vanilla. Flavors of bright cherry, berry, and minerals satisfy the palate. The sweet oak, solid structure, and firm tannins lead to a long and balanced finish.

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