



2008
PETERS 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 Peters Vineyard, the backbone of our production. 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.

Peters Vineyard was our first-ever vineyard designate, and we continue to enjoy a close relationship with grower Randy Peters. His expert vineyard management helps us to consistently produce this incredibly luscious wine.

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 hand-punch each fermenter, sometimes as often as five or six times 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.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color with cherry and earthy aromas; deep, rich, red cherry flavors with complex earthy and spicy notes; touch of toasty oak. Very good structure and balance with a long luscious finish. Deep and complex with some years ahead of it. Drink now through 2015..

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	Sept.8-Sept.27, 2008
Brix at Harvest:	24.5°-25.3°
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.57g/100ml
pH:	3.74
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 & 2-year-old
Bottled:	August 13, 2009
Production:	900 cases 750 ml

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