



2008

Russian River Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

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

The 2007 growing season was one of best in years. This vintage promises to go down in history as providing some of the best wines that have ever been produced.

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.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color; deep, complex, rich aromas of red cherry and cola with some nice earthy notes. Rich, ripe, bright red cherry flavors with earthy, cola notes; silky texture; good structure and balance with a lovely long finish. This is a rich and silky Pinot with bright fruit and nice length, delicious and perfect for grilled chicken. Drink now through 2015

WINE PROFILE

- Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir
- Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- Harvest Dates:** Aug. 28-Sept. 23
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- Brix at Harvest:** 22-25
- Alcohol:** 14.5%
- T.A.:** 0.623/100ml
- pH:** 3.68
- Residual Sugar:** Dry
- Cooperage:** 11 months in
Francois Frères
French oak,
30% new,
50% 1 & 2-year-old
20% 3 year-old
- Bottled:** August 14 2009
- Production:** 1220 cases 750 ml

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