

2009

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, 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 2009 vintage is once again a stellar vintage for Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. This vintage, like 2007, promises to go down in history as providing some of the best wines that have ever been produced. These wines will age well.

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: Aug. 03-Oct..3 2009

**Brix at Harvest: 22-25** 

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**T.A.:** 0.586/100ml

**pH**: 3.75

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 2010

**Production:** 1120 cases 750 ml

## **TASTING NOTES**

Medium deep ruby color; rich, bright red cherry aromas with earthy and cola notes; ripe, bright red cherry flavors with nice complex earthy notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Bright and silky Pinot that just tastes great. Drink now through 2019

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