



## 2007 Reserve Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

### Vineyards

This 25-acre vineyard is located west of highway 116 in Sebastopol and was developed in 1999-2000. Planted in the rich Gold Ridge soil with clones Pommard, Beringer, 115 and 113 allowing for a complex array of fruit to work with during harvest.

### Winemaking

The fruit was de-stemmed only so that whole berries were transferred to open top fermenters, to help capture bright fruit aromas and flavors. The tanks then were cold soaked for 3 days. After cold soaking the tanks were warmed and allowed to ferment naturally. The tanks were punched down 2-3 times daily over 10 days, allowing skin contact for color and flavor extraction. The wine was then drain of the skins and placed in 80% new oak barrels before bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Rich in color and aged age in 80% new French oak for 11 months, this wine opens up with aromas of chocolate covered cherries, dried cranberry and subtle floral aromas and thyme. Flavors of black cherries, cocoa and spices fill the mouth, finishing with soft, velvet-like tannins.

### Technical Data

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir  
 Appellation: Russian River Valley  
 Harvest Date: September 2007  
 Brix: 24.1  
 Bottled Date: July 10, 2008  
 Acid: 3.62pH  
 Alcohol: 13.9% by Volume

Enjoy,

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