

FRITZ



2008 Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley

Technical Data

Harvest Date: Sept. 2008

Bottled: July 2009

Appellation: Russian River

Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 2088



Vineyards

This 25-acre vineyard is located west of highway 116 in Sebastopol and was developed in 1999. Planted in the rich Gold Ridge soil with clones of Pommard, Beringer and Dijon 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. After 3 days of a cold soak the tanks were warmed and allowed to ferment the juice naturally. The tanks were punched down 2-3 times per day for 10 days allowing skin contact for color and flavor extraction. The wine was drained off the skins and placed in 40% New French barrels.

Tasting Notes

Burgundy in color this Pinot Noir offers aromas of black-cherry, blackberry and tobacco with undertones of peat moss. Rich in texture with balanced acidity, the palate expresses flavors of cherries, rhubarb and savory spices with a hint of vanilla bean. This wine finishes with elegant, lingering tannins.

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