



**2008**  
POMMARD CLONES  
*Russian River Valley*  
P I N O T N O I R

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### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're doing it again! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one turned out to be one of the best we've ever produced. The 2008 vintage continues the tradition of being one of the finest wines we produce.

After tasting the Pommard Clones from two of our vineyards, the Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road in Russian River Valley and the Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, we knew they were special. Each had the best characteristics of the Pommard Clone; deep flavors with rich mouthfeel, and vibrant flavors unique to each site. While at first blending them was an experiment, we were so pleased with the results that we cherry-picked the best three barrels from each lot and bottled them.

As with all of our Pinot Noir, we cold-soaked the grapes for three to four days and then introduced select yeasts. Once fermentation began, we hand-punched the must in open-top fermenters at least four times a day to keep the temperature and oxygen at the right levels for the yeast to remain active. Once fermentation was over, the wine was gently pressed and aged for 12 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby red color. Rich earthy red cherry aromas, with complex spice notes; rich, ripe, complex, mouth-filing lush cherry fruit flavors with earthy/spicy notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long luscious finish. Complex mouth-filing Pinot with lots of lush silky flavors. Great by itself or with just about anything you would pair Pinot with. This is one great wine.

### WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	Sept.7-Oct.3 2008
<b>Brix at Harvest:</b>	24.5°-25°
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>T.A.:</b>	0.66/100ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.75
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 90% new 10% 1 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 14, 2009
<b>Production:</b>	440 cases 750 ml

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