



Our 2008 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend of nine vineyards which lie in and around the central part of the Russian River Valley appellation (known as the Santa Rosa Plain). This area gives the wine a spicy red fruit core with a rich, velvety and supple character. The individual lots are all unique, giving the blend a load of complexity. We recommend drinking this wine between 2011 and 2016.

AROMATICS: Wild raspberry, lavender and soft notes of sarsaparilla. Layers of warm spices compete for attention with the rich berry and crushed ripe cherries.

ON THE PALATE: This vintage of the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir permeates and awakens your senses. Pure, balanced and intense. Raspberry and a trace of nutmeg envelop the midpalate. The intense flavors build to a crescendo of dark red fruit, nuances of spice and traces of cola which slowly saturate the back palate. Traces of cream, bright/rich cherry and dark chocolate are revealed in the long, caressing and mouth filling finish.

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2008

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD SOURCES:

Castaldi, Thorn Ridge Ranch, Graham, Pleasant Hill, Copain, Nonella, Amber Ridge, Keefer and Koplen

PRIMARY FERMENTATION DETAILS

HARVEST DATES

Castaldi: September 4th
Thorn Ridge Ranch: September 3rd
Graham: September 10th and September 24th
Pleasant Hill: September 8th
Copain: September 5th
Nonella: September 6th
Amber Ridge: September 1st and September 3
Keefer: September 30th
Koplen: September 5th

COLD-SOAK TIME

5 days average

FERMENTATION TIME

14 days average

FERMENTATION TEMP

86° F peak

BARREL PROGRAM

PERCENTAGE OF NEW FRENCH OAK

44%

BARREL AGING

16 months

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

ALCOHOL

14.7%

PH

3.67

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.41 g/L

BOTTLING DATES

January 18th, 2010

