



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2004

Russian River Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from three carefully-selected vineyards in this appellation: Leras Family Vineyards, Elsbree Vineyards, and Windsor Oaks. Although close in proximity, each holds its own distinction; we feel they are among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

Leras Family Vineyards sits in the heart of the Valley off of Woolsey Road, embodying earthiness and mineral tones, the signature of Russian River Pinot. A partnership of ours for years, we feel fortunate to have such expert and reliable vineyard management in one of our key sources.

Planted on a steep knob in the town of Windsor off of Arata Lane is Elsbree Vineyards, a mix of 12 Pinot clones on different rootstocks. This results in a superior field-blend of flavors—fruit with plenty of layers and superb depth.

The Windsor Oaks vineyard is a 750-acre ranch also located off of Arata Lane. We purchase a block of Clone 115, and love the flavor enhancement it brings to the wine.

During the fermentation and aging process, we keep the clones 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 12 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Medium-deep ruby color with aromas of fruit, spice, smoke and earth. Flavors of red cherry, berry, spice, and minerals satisfy the palate. The sweet oak, solid structure, and firm tannins lead to a long and balanced finish.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	Aug 18-Sept 30, 2004
Brix at Harvest:	23.5-26.3
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.6/100ml
pH:	3.72
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	12 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 & 2-year-old
Bottled:	September 1, 2005
Production:	480 cases 750 ml 200 cases 375 ml

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