

# 2005 Central Coast Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Selected from nine different clonal blocks in our Vista Verde Vineyard, the ripe fruit offers a wonderful perfumed nose of black cherries, rose petal and nutmeg. The bright cherry/strawberry nose, with a hint of truffle, spice, cardamom, toffee and fennel are classic to this vineyard site. Your mouth will water with flavors of wild cherries, pomegranates, sassafras, fennel and white truffles. I find that the balanced acidity helps to carry the rich and round tannins that follow through long into the finish.

-Winemaker Bob Cabral

## THE VINEYARDS

100% Estate Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles south-east of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 115, 777, 828 and 943.

# HARVEST 2005

Following a labor-intensive growing season due to early spring rains, a cool summer and mild fall weather extended the ripening season in 2005. This long, slow maturation period permitted flavors and color to develop to high levels, and the absence of weather threats or temperature extremes allowed fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness. The fruit quality was extremely high, contributing to balanced and elegant wines with concentrated flavors and intense color.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 34% new, 34% 1 year old, 32% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 10 months

pH: 3.63

TA: 0.54g/100ml Alc: 13.8%

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