

2007 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The nose is redolent of ripe cherries, wild berry jam, violets, spice, crème brûlée and honey-cured bacon. Your mouth fills with flavors of Bing cherries, raspberries, root beer, fennel, spice and toasted vanilla beans. The properly matured and concentrated tannins are rich and fleshy across the palate. The always bright acidity and dark fruit finish is long and lingering. This wine is very similar to the 2006 and comes primarily from our Drake Estate vineyard.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from our Drake Estate Vineyard, the Allen Vineyard, the Flax Vineyard, the Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard, and our Litton Estate Vineyard.

HARVEST 2007

The 2007 vintage has produced wines of extremely high quality, wines that are each brilliant expressions of their sites. The growing season was distinguished by its evenness with a cool finish. The summer months were characterized by warm, sunny, near-perfect weather with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in very uniform ripening and optimal development of intense varietal flavors, aromas and expression. The wines of 2007 convey their unique characters in a manner more vivid, precise and evocative than we have come to anticipate. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this one really stands above all others.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.56

TA: 0.64g/100ml

Alc: 14.1%

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