



*We add nothing to our wines, nor do we take anything from them.
With infinite care, we leave them alone. —MARTIN RAY*

2005 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY RESERVE PINOT NOIR

THE VINEYARDS The 2005 Martin Ray Russian River Valley Reserve Pinot Noir is produced from selected vineyards in the acclaimed Russian River Valley wine region. The vineyards of Rocking B Ranch produce berries with bright flavors and beautiful color. Fruit from Hervey Vineyard offers unique characteristics and flavors of ripe cherries and raspberries. These vineyards produce grapes of exceptional quality that allow us to create wines with intense aromatics, firm tannins and rich, concentrated flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES The 2005 harvest was an excellent vintage for Sonoma County producing moderate crop yields. The slow ripening season without heat spikes contributes to the positive qualities of the fruit: intense color, concentrated flavors and beautiful aromatics. The vintage of 2005 promise wines with elegance, balance and structure.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our Russian River Valley Reserve Pinot Noir is aged for sixteen months in 30% new French oak and 70% in 1–4 year old French oak barrels. This oak-driven Pinot Noir has surprising aromas of cream soda, raspberries and a hint of vanilla. Bright flavors of fresh raspberries and strawberries lead to full, velvety mouthfeel and a smooth lingering finish.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING Grilled salmon steaks with olive oil and orzo would be a perfect match for our Pinot Noir.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL | 100% Pinot Noir

RELEASE DATE | December 2006

BRIX | 25.1

TOTAL ACIDITY | 0.57%

PH | 3.81

ALCOHOL | 14.3%

QUANTITY PRODUCED | 640 cases

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