



2009
PETERS VINEYARD
Russian River Valley
P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the newly expanded Russian River Valley appellation, lies Peters Vineyard, the backbone of our production. An ideal location for Pinot Noir, this former apple orchard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the mornings and evenings, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit, and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine.

Peters Vineyard was our first-ever vineyard designate, and we continue to enjoy a close relationship with grower Randy Peters. His expert vineyard management helps us to consistently produce this incredibly luscious wine.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we hand-punch each fermenter, sometimes as often as five or six times a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Frères French oak barrels, and then age for 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color, baking spices, toast and sandalwood on the nose. Sweet black cherry, pure, rich and layered with sweet fruit and spice. Full bodied, balanced with bright acidity ending with a long, toasty expansive finish that lingers on and on. Drink now through 2019

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	Sept.19-Oct. 03, 2009
Brix at Harvest:	23.9°-24.8°
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.586g/100ml
pH:	3.75
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 & 2-year-old
Bottled:	August 20, 2010
Production:	760 cases 750 ml

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