

PINOT NOIR  
JANE'S VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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Winemaker:	Rick Sayre
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir (48% Clone 115, 40% Clone 2A, 11% Clone 23, 1% Pommard)
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Alcohol:	14.6%
Total Acidity:	0.54 gm/100ml
pH:	3.5
Residual Sugar:	0.14%
Cellar & Fermentation:	11 months in French oak barrels - 40% new, 22% one year old

### *History*

The Russian River Valley is well established as one of the premier pinot noir growing regions in the world, and we have been growing pinot noir here for over thirty years. Jane's Vineyard, a more recent planting of pinot noir named in honor of Tom Klein's mother, provided an incredible opportunity to take advantage of the newest technology, nursery material, and other modern viticultural advances.

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### *In the Vineyards*

Sharing the neighborhood with some of the Russian River Valley's most important vineyards, soils here are shallow and highly acidic, stressing vines into producing naturally smaller berries, which translates into more concentrated flavors. We planted eight different "clones", or sub-varieties of pinot noir, knowing each had the potential to make great wine by itself, or contribute as an important component of a blend.

The 2004 vintage began with an early bud break during an unseasonably warm March, followed by a contrastingly cool April. After a normal May and June, July and the first part of August were on the cool side, but by the end of August, harvest was well underway as a heat spell got ripening going strong and early for most varietals, with all of our pinot noir in by the 2nd of September. Each "clone" was harvested and vinified separately, and the winemaker's final selection was made to highlight the best flavors of the vintage, and the distinctive character of this vineyard.



### *Tasting Notes*

Soft and rich, with layers of intense Montmorency cherry, cola, caramel and earth, this impressive, full-bodied wine is aged in 100% French oak, which adds a distinctive toasty vanilla character. Enjoy this voluptuous pinot noir now and over the next 2 to 5 years.

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