

PINOT NOIR
JANE'S VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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Winemaker:	Rick Sayre
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir (15% Clone 115, 22% Clone 2A, 12% Clone 23, 15% Pommard, 18% Clone 777, 18% Clone 114)
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Alcohol:	14.6%
TA:	0.53 gm/100ml
pH:	3.61
Residual Sugar:	0.03%
Cellar & Fermentation:	13 months in French oak barrels

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 recognized 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 would contribute a unique quality to a finished wine.

The 2005 vintage began with a rather late bud break during an unseasonably cool and wet spring. Record May rains luckily came before bloom for pinot noir, and an average to cool summer further contributed to a harvest about three weeks later than normal. Fortunately harvest conditions were rain-free with ideal temperatures for all varieties, and we finished bringing in our pinot noir by the 20th of September. Each "clone" was harvested and vinified separately, leading to our winemaker's final selection to highlight the best flavors of the vintage, and the distinctive character of this vineyard.



Tasting Notes

Soft and rich, with layers of intense 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 sensuous pinot noir now and over the next 2 to 5 years.

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