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Winemaker:	Rick Sayre
Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Alcohol:	14.2%
Total Acidity:	0.52 gm/100ml
pH:	3.49
Residual Sugar:	0.05%
Cellar & Fermentation:	12 months in French oak barrels - 63% new, 37% 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 seven 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 2003 vintage began with a long wet spring, which delayed bloom and reduced yields for early varieties like pinot noir. Together with the typically foggy nights - essential to fine pinot noir - a relatively cool summer slowed ripening initially, but a September heat wave allowed everything to catch up, and we finished picking all of this pinot noir by September 18th. 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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