

2008 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

THE APPELLATION

The Russian River Valley is one of the coolest appellations in Sonoma County, providing ideal conditions for growing some of the world's best Pinot Noir grapes. With the nearby Pacific Ocean, morning fog and afternoon breezes strongly influence the region's growing season. Pinot Noir grapes have the luxury of ripening slowly to develop full, luscious fruit flavors and ripe tannins, while retaining balanced acidity — the signature characteristics of our expressive 2008 Pinot Noir.

THE WINE

Varietal Composition 100% Pinot Noir Harvest Date September 21

Average Brix at Harvest 25.5°

Barrel Aging 17 months in French oak (50% new)

Bottling Date June 9, 2010

Alcohol 14.5%

Total Acidity 0.67g/100ml

pH 3.51

Production 829 cases

TASTING NOTES

Deep crimson in color with cherry-red edges; aromas of strawberry-rhubarb pie with a hint of cinnamon, cedar and anise; intricate flavors of red currant, strawberry, spice and a hint of dark chocolate-covered cherries. Full mouthfeel, succulent and silky smooth on the finish. Drink now through 2013.

