

# Windsor Sonoma

## 2009 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 2009 Pinot Noir.

#### The Wine

Varietal Composition Harvest Date Oak Aging Alcohol Production 100% Pinot Noir October 2009 18 months (30% New French Oak/ 70% Seasoned Oak) 14.5% 496 cases

### TASTING NOTES

Pleasurable, elegant wine with a sense of place that remains hedonistically satisfying. The fruit for our Windsor Sonoma Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is high in acidity with a long hang time. The lush black fruit is hand-sorted and placed into small lot, open-tank fermentation. After an extended cold soak, the juice is left on its lees for 6 months.

