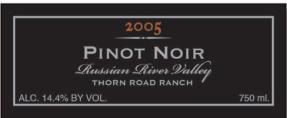
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Appellation: Russian River Valley Vineyard: Thorn Road Ranch

Harvest: September 2005

Brix: 24.5°

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 14.4%

pH: 3.55

Retail Price: \$48.00

Cases Produced: 285

Release Date: October 2007



This wine invites with an alluring range of aromatics. Generous black cherry wraps around subtle notes of cinnamon, mint and dried rose petals. In the mouth, a velvety richness balances the bright acidity. Succulent cherries, ripe strawberries and lively black pepper fill the palate. The long, dimensional finish flows to shades of cloves, field mushrooms and roasted coffee. This Pinot Noir is rich and immensely enjoyable.

This earthy Pinot Noir was grown in the Russian River Valley Appellation on the Thorn Road Ranch, previously known as Thorn Ridge Vineyard. One of the cooler regions for Pinot Noir, these rolling hills near Sebastopol receive lingering fog from the nearby Sonoma Coast. The limited direct sunlight and dry-farming technique restrict the vineyard yield to only 1.8 tons per acre. Soils are the Goldridge fine sandy loam, the region's most coveted soil for Pinot Noir due to its ability to develop intensely flavored fruit.

Clones: Pommard 115 and Clones 666 and 667.

Cellaring: Fermented and aged 18 months in 33% new French oak barrels

and 67% seasoned oak.

Lightly filtered and unfined.

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