



Winemaker's Notes

Wine: 2008 Mueller Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley,
"August Recher"
Production: 223 cases
Fermentation: Aged in 100% French oak, 100% ML fermentation

General Notes: Our 2008 "August Recher" Pinot Noir is produced from two Dijon clones, 667 and 777, located in Vino Farms vineyard which is situated on a well drained site in the "middle reach" of the appellation. The vineyard site experiences the full impact of cooling fog which travels up the rivers banks. Fruit is harvested in the cool morning hours and transported to the winery on Starr Road (minutes away) for destemming into our small, two-ton custom designed fermenting tanks. During fermentation, we punch down the cap by hand several times each day to gently extract the grapes flavors and aromas. The wine is aged in French oak barrels, of which about 35% are new.

Tasting Notes: The 2008 "August Recher" Pinot Noir has a rich ruby color with an intense beam of ripe red cherries and raspberry. Full bodied with strawberry, red cherry flavors and balanced acidity. Tannins are fine grained, soft and rich. Its extensive array of fruit flavors and aromas with subtle overtones of toasty oak will age gracefully over the next several years. We particularly enjoy this wine with pork and mushrooms.

Technical Data:

Harvest Date: 9/26/08
Harvest Brix: 25.0
ph at harvest: 3.5
ph at bottling: 3.6
Alcohol by volume: 14.8%