



### Winemaker's Notes

**Wine:** 2008 Mueller Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley,  
"Tempi"  
**Production:** 95 cases  
**Fermentation:** Aged in 100% French oak, 100% ML fermentation

**General Notes:** Our 2008 Tempi Pinot Noir is produced from a selected vineyard block of a single Pinot Noir clone, Dijon 777. Situated on a well drained, gravelly site which is part of Vino Farms, this block is less than one mile from the Russian River and directly across the river from Rochioli and Allen vineyards —the "middle reach" of the appellation. This 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 40% are new.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2008 "Tempi" has a rich ruby color, bursting with sweet ripe strawberry, Rainier cherry and toasted oak aromas. Full bodied with fresh strawberry, oak and anise 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.

#### Technical Data:

Harvest Date: 9/18/08  
Harvest Brix: 25.0  
ph at harvest: 3.5  
ph at bottling: 3.6  
Alcohol by volume: 14.8%