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**2006 PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY**

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR
VINEYARDS: 100% RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
72% VIMARK VINEYARD, 28% CRINELLA VINEYARD
HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.8
FINISHED PH: 3.86
FINISHED TA: 0.48 G/100ML
ALCOHOL: 14.2%
COOPERAGE: 50% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS
WINE MAKER: KAREN CULLER
PRODUCTION: 421 CASES
RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2008

VINEYARD: THE VIMARK VINEYARD IS LOCATED IN AN EXCELLENT PINOT NOIR SITE IN RUSSIAN RIVER, AN AREA OF SONOMA KNOWN FOR PRODUCING BEAUTIFUL PINOT NOIRS. THE VINEYARD IS LOCATED NEAR THE RUSSIAN RIVER NORTH OF FORESTVILLE, AND IT RECEIVES ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE RIVER, COOL TEMPERATURES, FOG, ALLUVIAL SOIL WITH EXCELLENT DRAINAGE. THE RENTERIA BLOCK IS PLANTED TO CLONES 115 AND 777 AND WAS PLANTED IN 1998. THE CRINELLA VINEYARD SHARES THE RUSSIAN RIVER APPELLATION AND SONOMA COAST APPELLATION. IT IS A VERY COOL, SLOPING HILLSIDE VINEYARD IN "WEST COUNTY" SONOMA NEAR THE TOWN OF FORESTVILLE. IT IS A VINEYARD THAT RECEIVES MUCH OF THE COOLING INFLUENCE FROM THE OCEAN. THE BLOCK THAT WAS BLENDED INTO THE RENTERIA RUSSIAN RIVER BLEND IS ALL PLANTED TO THE SWAN CLONE.

VINTAGE: THE 2006 VINTAGE VERY SIMILAR TO 2005—LATE AND VERY COOL THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE GROWING SEASON, FINISHING WITH A COOL, LATE HARVEST. THE GRAPES RIPENED ON SEPTEMBER 25, AND WERE PICKED IN THE EARLY MORNING AND CRUSHED INTO OPEN TOP FERMENTORS. THE GRAPES WERE COLD SOAKED FOR 5 DAYS AND FERMENTED WITH TWO DIFFERENT YEASTS, RECEIVING 4 TO 5 PUNCHDOWNS PER DAY. THE WINE WAS PRESSED AT DRYNESS, AND PUT INTO FRENCH OAK BARRELS IMMEDIATELY. THE WINE WAS AGED 10 MONTHS IN BARRELS PRIOR TO BOTTLING ON AUGUST 9, 2007.

TASTING NOTES: RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIRS ARE BEAUTIFUL WINES, CHARACTERIZED BY A SOFT, VELVETY, AND VERY LUSH MOUTHFEEL. THE 2006 RENTERIA PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER IS TYPICAL OF THIS APPELLATION WITH A MOUTHWATERING STRUCTURE THAT LINGERS ON THE PALATE. IT HAS AN ELEGANCE THAT IS BOTH REFRESHINGLY TART AND SUBTLE ON THE PALATE. THE AROMA IS FULL AND COMPLEX WITH AN ARRAY OF CHARACTERS OF STRAWBERRY JAM, GRASS AND RASPBERRIES. SOFTER THAN THE RENTERIA KNITTEL PINOT NOIR, THE RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT DRINKS WELL EARLY ON AND SHOULD HAVE A LIFE OF 5 TO 8 YEARS.

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