

# 2007 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Bright maraschino cherries, strawberries, violets and root beer aromas. Intense cherry/wild raspberry flavors end up round and fat in the mouth. Wild berry flavors are complemented by the rose water and mocha explosion in your mouth. The fruity finish is rounded out with a toasty vanilla crème brûlée-like texture that finishes long. A classic Allen that should age quite nicely.

-Winemaker Bob Cabral

#### THE VINEYARD

The Allen Pinot Noir Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970's, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

## HARVEST 2007

The 2007 vintage has produced wines of extremely high quality, wines that are each brilliant expressions of their sites. The growing season was distinguished by its evenness with a cool finish. The summer months were characterized by warm, sunny, near-perfect weather with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in very uniform ripening and optimal development of intense varietal flavors, aromas and expression. The wines of 2007 convey their unique characters in a manner more vivid, precise and evocative than we have come to anticipate. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this one really stands above all others.

# **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 60% new oak, 40% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 18 months

pH: 3.36

TA: 0.70g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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