

# 2007 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fresh aromas of maraschino cherries, wild berry fruits, cola, toffee and citrus blossom will fill your olfactory senses. The fat, round tannins allow this full-bodied wine to exemplify flavors of cherries, blackberry, cola, fennel and caramel that are common to the 2007 vintage. Largely from Russian River Valley vineyards, this blend displays a natural acidity that helps the clean, long finish to end with lingering hints of cherry preserves. A blend that will definitely benefit from additional cellaring.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

#### THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from our Drake Estate Vineyard and from the Bucher Vineyard.

#### 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: 25% new, 50% 1 year old, 25% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.57

TA: 0.58g/100ml Alc: 13.8%

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