

2009 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Harvest: September 7, 2009, hand picked

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Galante Vineyard, Gold Ridge soils, Cherry Ridge Road, Sebastopol

Vines: Dijon Clone 115 on 101-14 rootstock

Brix at Harvest: 26.0 Brix

Crush: De-stemmed whole berries - no crushing

Pre-fermentation: 5 days at 50 degrees F

Peak Temperature: 92 degrees F

Pressing: After seven days of fermentation

Aging: Native malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

Oak: 45% new French Oak, mixed coopers and forests, M and M+ toast

Time in wood: 10 months

Bottled: July 26, 2010

Produced: 291 cases 750 ml bottles; plus 3 cases 1.5L Bottles produced

Winemaker's Notes:

The Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley is famous for its cool climate and sandy-loam Gold ridge soils that provide excellent drainage and low soil fertility. The Galante Vineyard sits in the heart of this appellation, producing Pinot Noir grapes with a wonderful intensity of fruit aroma and bright flavors. The Coho 2009 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has pure black cherry and ripe plum aromas, with hints of fragrant dried hibiscus, cedar and cigar box. The rich entry on the palate continues all the way to the aftertaste, with supple tannins and a lush texture on the finish.

Finished Wine Statistics:

Alcohol: 14.5% Ph: 3.62 pH TA: 6.5 g/L