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**2008 PINOT NOIR
CRINELLA VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
SONOMA COUNTY**

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR
VINEYARD: 100% CRINELLA VINEYARD, SONOMA COAST
HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2008
BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.6
FINISHED PH: 3.55
FINISHED TA: 6.5 g/L
ALCOHOL: 13.5%
COOPERAGE: 53% NEW FRENCH OAK BURGUNDY BARRELS
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER
PRODUCTION: 243 CASES
RELEASE DATE: SUMMER 2011
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$40.00 PER BOTTLE

VINEYARD: THE CRINELLA VINEYARD IS LOCATED IN "WEST COUNTY" SONOMA IN A COOL AREA IN THE TOWN OF FORESTVILLE. IT IS A VINEYARD THAT RECEIVES MUCH OF THE COOLING INFLUENCE FROM THE FOG AND OCEAN BREEZES. IT IS PLANTED IN A SPECTACULAR AREA WHICH SHARES THE SONOMA COAST, RUSSIAN RIVER AND GREEN VALLEY APPELLATIONS. THIS WINE IS A BLEND OF TWO BLOCKS, PLANTED TO DIFFERENT CLONES (68% CALERA AND 32% SWAN SELECTIONS). BOTH OF THESE SELECTIONS ARE LOW PRODUCING CLONES, WHICH IS CRITICAL TO MAKING A HIGH QUALITY, CONCENTRATED WINE WITH THIS FINICKY GRAPE.

VINTAGE: IN 2008 WINEGROWERS FACED MANY CHALLENGES WITH CRAZY WEATHER. IT BEGAN WITH INTENSE STORMS THAT BROUGHT HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS TO THE REGION, FOLLOWED BY A DRY SPRING AND LATER, COLD TEMPERATURES AND FROST THREATS, THEN IN THE SAME WEEK VINEYARDS WERE HIT WITH A MULTI-DAY HEAT SPIKE.

THE GRAPES RIPENED ON SEPTEMBER 4, AND WERE PICKED AT NIGHT AND DELIVERED TO THE WINERY FOR AN EARLY MORNING CRUSHING, WHILE STILL COLD. THEY WERE CRUSHED INTO OPEN TOP FERMENTORS, COLD SOAKED FOR 5 DAYS AND FERMENTED WITH ASMANHAUSEN YEAST, RECEIVING 4 TO 5 PUNCHDOWNS PER DAY. THE WINE WAS GENTLY PRESSED AT DRYNESS IN A BASKET PRESS, AND PUT INTO FRENCH OAK BARRELS IMMEDIATELY. THE WINE WAS AGED 10 MONTHS IN BARRELS PRIOR TO BOTTLING ON JULY 9, 2009.

TASTING NOTES: PINOT NOIRS FROM THE COOLER AREAS OF SONOMA TEND TO HAVE BRIGHT, COMPLEX FRUIT AROMAS, AND VISCOUS, ELEGANT PALATES. THE 2008 RENTERIA PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST IS TYPICAL OF THIS AREA WITH A CRISP ACIDITY, FRESH AND JAMMY FRUIT AROMAS, AND A SOFT, SEAMLESS TANNIN STRUCTURE. THIS WINE HAS GOOD DEPTH AND BODY WITH NICE MINERAL CHARACTERS AND PLENTY OF FRUIT. THE WINE SHOULD AGE WELL FOR 6 TO 8 YEARS.

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