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**2009 PINOT NOIR  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
SONOMA COUNTY**

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR  
VINEYARD: 85% RIVER RANCH (VIMARK), RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
15% KNITTEL VINEYARD, LOS CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY  
HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2009  
BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.1  
FINISHED PH: 3.67  
FINISHED TA: 5.75 G/L  
ALCOHOL: 13.5%  
COOPERAGE: 30% NEW FRENCH OAK (BURGUNDY BARRELS)  
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER  
PRODUCTION: 270 CASES  
RELEASE DATE: FALL 2012  
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$40.00 PER BOTTLE

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, AND ALLUVIAL SOIL WITH EXCELLENT DRAINAGE. THIS VINEYARD TENDS TO RIPEN LATER AND EVENLY, THE REASON FOR THE SOFT TANNINS. THE RENTERIA BLOCK IS PLANTED TO CLONES 115 AND 777 AND WAS PLANTED IN 1998.

VINTAGE: IN 2009 LATE SPRING RAINS DELAYED IRRIGATION NEEDS AND THE WARM SPELL IN JUNE HELPED CURTAIL EXCESSIVE CANOPY DEVELOPMENT. THE 2009 GROWING SEASON COUNTED PERHAPS ONLY FOUR OR FIVE DAYS OF 100°F PLUS TEMPERATURES (TYPICALLY 14), AGAIN HELPING TO REDUCE DEMAND FOR WATER WHEN THE RESOURCE WAS RELATIVELY SCARCE. THOUGH RAINFALL WAS LITTLE MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF NORMAL FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, THE TIMING OF THE PRECIPITATION WAS ON THE VINE'S SIDE. COUPLE THAT WITH THE LACK OF FROST AND THE MILD, RELATIVELY COOL GROWING SEASON, MOTHER NATURE MANAGED TO HAVE IT ALL WORK IN UNISON TO GIVE VINES AND GRAPES THE BEST SCENARIO POSSIBLE. THE RED VARIETIES LANGUISHED ON THE VINE WITH OPTIMAL HANG TIME, EXCELLENT RIPENING AND BALANCED STRUCTURE.

TASTING NOTES: RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIRS ARE BEAUTIFUL WINES. THIS ONE IS USUALLY UNDERSTATED, BUT NOW WITH THE 2009 VINTAGE AND THE COOL CLIMATE, THE WINE IS MORE OVERSTATED, MUCH BIGGER THAN THIS VINEYARD USUALLY PRODUCES. THIS VINTAGE IS RICHER, DARKER, WITH DEEP BLACK FRUIT AND PLUM FLAVOR THAN OUR OTHER PINOTS. THIS WINE IS FRESH, JUICY AND SMOOTH WITH A HINT OF VANILLA FROM THE FRENCH BARRELS. BOTTLED ON AUGUST 19, 2010, THIS PINOT DRINKS WELL EARLY ON AND SHOULD HAVE A LIFE OF 8 TO 10 YEARS.

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