



2008
MUKAIDA VINEYARD
Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine is truly special. The Peters Vineyard has long been one of our highest praised vineyards. The fruit for this wine was carefully selected to be 'the best of the best'! We chose the best grapes, whole-berry fermented and aged primarily on new French oak.. We then selected the best 8 barrels to bottle as the Mukaida Vineyard.

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the newly expanded Russian River Valley appellation. An ideal location for Pinot Noir, this former apple orchard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the mornings and evenings, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit, and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine.

We are very pleased to honor Tom Mukaida with this outstanding wine. Tom is the father-in-law of Randy Peters, one of our long-standing growers and is a 3rd generation grower. Tom, who is now well into his eighties and still farming, began his farming career with apples. In the early 80's Randy convinced him that there was a future in grapes and encouraged him to convert his apple orchards into vineyards and we're very glad he did. His finely honed farming abilities and ideal locale on Bodega Highway in Sebastopol translated well to grapes. Today they've got an exceptional collection of Pommard and 777 Pinot Noir clones that we rely on year after year.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color; deep, lush red cherry, spice and earthy aromas; rich, lush, complex red cherry flavors with bright, spicy notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long luscious finish. Bright, lush, delicious Pinot that is amazing to drink all by itself. Wow, this is really tasty!

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	Sept.08-Sept.27, 2008
Brix at Harvest:	24.1-24.9°
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	0.611g/100ml
pH:	3.77
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in François Frères French oak, 90% new, 10% 1 year-old
Bottled:	August 13, 2009
Production:	195 cases 750 ml

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