



2007

**“The Tillerman”**  
Russian River Valley

**TECHNICAL  
INFORMATION**

HARVEST DATE:  
Sept. 13- Oct. 25, 2007

BLEND: 52% Cabernet Sauvignon  
24% Cabernet Franc  
15% Merlot  
10% Sangiovese

pH  
3.30

TOTAL ACIDITY:  
.68

RESIDUAL SUGAR:  
Dry

ALCOHOL:  
13.7%

WINEMAKER:  
JASON DE LOACH

CASES PRODUCED:  
11,700

RELEASE DATE:  
Summer, 2009

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:  
\$17

**THE VINEYARDS**

The Russian River Valley is an appellation with varying climates and soils. Hook & Ladder’s Los Amigos Vineyard sits in the warmer northeastern section of the appellation, just south of the town of Healdsburg, where the days are slightly warmer. Here the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Sangiovese that went into The Tillerman ripen to full maturity.

**THE WINEMAKING**

With “The Tillerman” we imagined a boldly flavored, balanced, and well-structured red wine. To achieve this we evaluated various lots and varieties produced from the Los Amigos Ranch. The 2007 vintage yielded ripe, richly flavored Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Sangiovese. We decided to blend these grapes with our Merlot to soften the palate. The varieties were fermented and aged separately in European and American Oak for a minimum of one year before blending and bottling.

**THE WINE**

The Tillerman is a dark ruby in color, possessing aromas of ripe currants and cherries with a hint of cedar and rose petals. Bright flavors of raspberry, cherry-tobacco and nice oak combined with a strong bouquet allow this blend to show well through rich meals, yet not overpower lighter dishes.