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## 2008 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

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### **The Vineyards:**

Cecil De Loach has been farming these delicate Pinot Noir vineyards since 1973 in the Russian River Valley. Located on the plains and gently rolling hills off Olivet road in western Santa Rosa, this area provides an excellent medium for the coastal fog that blankets our fruit in the mornings and evenings. The cooling moisture facilitates a longer growing season in which Pinot Noir thrives.

### **The Winemaking:**

We use old world techniques to make our Pinot Noir in small batches and "punch-down" the fruit by hand up to three times a day. After native yeast fermentation the wine is aged in French oak barrels for up to 10 months to achieve optimum balance and complexity.

### **The Wine:**

Our Pinot Noir starts with a deep ruby red color, followed by aromas of spicy strawberry and raspberry. The light berry flavor accented with vanilla leads to a crisp finish of lingering cherry. This multi-layered Pinot is lovely and rich; able to be enjoyed with a meal or on its own.

Wine Enthusiast 90 Points and Editors Choice. "Dry and silky, it shows good varietal flavors of cherries, cola, chocolate, sweet pomegranates and smoky oak, with a long, rich finish"

-Steve Heimoff

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### **Technical Information:**

**Harvested:** August 29<sup>th</sup>-September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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**Alcohol %:** 14.2    **pH:** 3.77    **Total Acidity:** .59    **Case Production:** 3,750

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**Release Date:** January 2010

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$25

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