

# *Kistler Vineyards*



## **2008 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir**

Only lots from the earliest ripening portions of our vineyards were selected for this wine; those that dot the lean ridges that overlook the Russian River Valley. Three specific blocks, from two of our plantings on Goldridge soils were used in this bottling due to their propensity to produce fruit of an elegant nature. The wine was crafted with its presentation in the company of cuisine in mind. The fruit was selected for harvest based on its ability to contribute to this marriage and display its vibrant nature, and inherent balance. Comprised solely of heritage clones of Pinot Noir that drive the best of our efforts, the 2008 Russian River Valley is poised to elegantly grace the finest of tables.

### **Winemaking:**

100% Pinot Noir

Fermented in open top fermenters, destemmed fruit

60% new 3 year air dried French oak barrels, 40% one year old barrels

Barrel Aged 14 months

Bottled without filtration or fining.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Bright and delicate nose of black cherry, red raspberry touched by a hint of crushed rose petals and light spice. Mid-weight palate centered around a racy spine of acid. The slightest of refined, dusty tannins lead to a sumptuous cleansing finish that lingers on the palate.