



2007 Pinot Noir

FREESTONE
Russian River Valley

Label Poet:
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When I Wait for a Cab in the Rain

it's the sound of a snare drum I love.
Water beads bounce and land
on the tops of air-conditioners.
It's earth's wish for water,
filling dry cracks
on soil and pavement.
Tulip bulbs, seedlings, tree roots
and the birds at my feeder
have learned how to drink.
We all know about parched things.
Cars splash through puddles;
sometimes our feet get drenched.
O, let this ground around us fill.
Let no one ever go thirsty again.

Tasting Notes | 2007 is our first vintage of Freestone Pinot Noir and I'm thrilled to be working with this fruit. Harvest is three to five weeks later than our other sources and berries come in at lower brix with more natural acidity. Medium ruby in color, expressive aromatics of bay leaf, pine needles, ripe strawberry, bright cherry, earth and lavender get things off to a fascinating start. The palate follows through with strawberry, raspberry and cranberry, intermingled with maple and a hint of toffee all supported by well-balanced acidity and a silky, seductive mouth feel.

Our biggest Pinot ever? NO! Our fruitiest? Not exactly. Our most complex? Definitely. Our most complete and interesting? We think so and we absolutely love it. If you enjoy wonderful herbal and earthy nuances to compliment your bold California fruit, then this is a Pinot for you!

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: late 2009 to 2012
Graceful ageability: through 2015, perhaps longer

Analysis | pH: 3.66
TA: 5.9 g/L
Alcohol: 14.8%
Bottling Date: December 3, 2008
Release Date: Spring 2009
Total Produced: 148 cases

Philosophy | *We prefer to follow the grapes' lead and offer gentle care as the wine emerges from the juice. If a wine asks for help, we provide it. If a wine is happy on its own, we simply let it be and celebrate its unique evolution.*