



2008 Pinot Noir

SMALL TOWN

Russian River Valley

Label Artist:
Heather Patterson



Tasting Notes | Only the second vintage of our “Small Town” Pinot Noir – formerly known as the Eric Kent “Freestone” bottling – it has already become one of our favorite wines. Sourced from cooler climate vineyards that allow the grapes to develop flavor and complexity without becoming overripe, this deep ruby-colored wine delivers on every level.

The nose exhibits distinctive aromas of bay leaf, black cherry, plum, pine needles and briary earth. The palate provides layer upon layer of fruit and spice, highlighted by pomegranate, strawberry, dark cherry, black tea, nutmeg and cloves. Rich and full, coating every part of the palate with gentle tannins, yet buoyed by wonderful natural acidity and herbal, earthy notes that linger and leave you wanting more. The complexity and balance of this wine make it a natural match for wild mushrooms, grilled meats and fresh herbs.

Drinking Windows | Prime drinking: early 2011 to 2014
Graceful ageability: 2016 to 2018+

Analysis | pH: 3.76
TA: 6.1 g/L
Alcohol: 14.3%
Bottling: December 3, 2009
Release: Spring 2010
Total Produced: 103 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.*