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## 2006 Pinot Noir - Cuvée de Trois-Russian River Valley

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### THE VINEYARDS:

The vineyards for this wine are all located heart of the Russian River Valley, approximately 15-18 miles from the Pacific Ocean. They represent a variety of soil types, viticultural practices and clonal selections, but each carries the overriding characteristics of the best of the Russian River Valley. The blend varies from year to year. This year it includes wine from our Trenton Estate Vineyard, Saralee's, Trenton View and Great Oak.

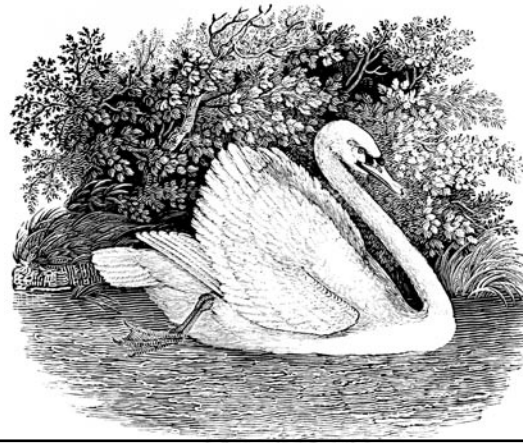
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FORESTVILLE CALIFORNIA, ALCOHOL 14.1product% BY VOLUME

### WINEMAKING:

This wine was produced from a multiplicity of clones of pinot noir. Each block of each vineyard was harvested and fermented separately. Fifteen to twenty percent of each lot was left as whole clusters with the balance destemmed into open top fermenters. A combination of wild and cultured yeast strains were used. The cap was punched by hand three times per day during the peak fermentation to extract color and flavor and to control fermentation temperature. After an average of 25 days on the skins the wine was pressed off, settled briefly and then racked to French Burgundy barrels for 10 months of aging before selecting, blending and bottling. Each barrel of each lot was individually tasted and numerous blending trials were conducted before the final blend was decided upon. Only then did the wine receive its first racking as it was assembled for bottling, unfined and unfiltered. The production in 2006 was just over 2000 cases.

### THE WINE:

The primary goal in bottling this wine is to produce a pinot noir that speaks of the terroir of the Russian River Valley as a whole and best reflects the character of the vintage. In 2006 the average cluster weight and berry size was larger than usual, resulting in wines lighter in color but with gorgeous aromas and flavors. It shows plenty of red berries, red cherries, cola, and sassafras with a very slight hint of mint and cinnamon. In the mouth it is quite bright but the acidity lays a supporting role to the freshness of the fruit. Quite delightful now, it should drink well over the next 2-3 years.