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2005 Pinot Noir - Saralee's Vineyard-Russian River Valley

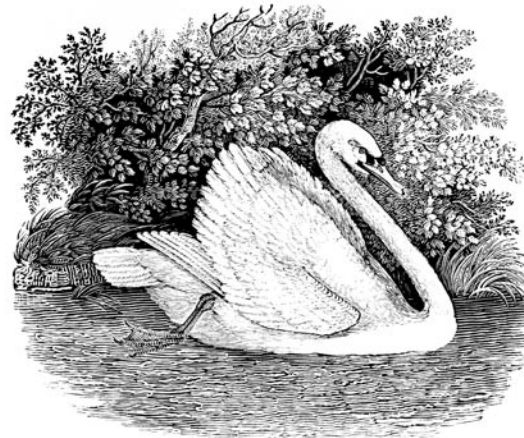
THE VINEYARD:

The vineyard is located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, adjacent to Sonoma-Cutrer Winery, approximately 18 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The pinot noir is planted on fairly rich sandy loam soil. The vines are trained in a split canopy, vertical curtain system. Exceptional farming and the ability to harvest on a moments notice, result in fruit with remarkable depth of flavor and perfect balance. It is cooler than areas to the north and the west due to the often persistent fog, creating longer hang time which result in exceptional flavors and excellent acidity.

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PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS
FORESTVILLE CALIFORNIA, ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME

WINEMAKING:

This wine was produced from 7 clones of pinot noir, harvested, fermented and aged separately. Twenty percent of each lot was left as whole clusters with the balance de-stemmed 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 selection, blending and bottling. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

THE WINE:

The wine shows all of the hallmarks of this classic pinot noir vintage. The aromas are a combination of red fruit, ranging from wild strawberry, raspberry and cherry aromas with floral overtones and hints of forest floor. In the mouth it is rich yet elegant with good balancing acidity. Medium bodied with excellent flavor persistence. Drinking beautifully now it should show further development over the next several years and continue to drink well for at least the next 7-8 years. A total of 543 cases were bottled.