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2016 Pinot Noir - Cuvée de Trois - Russian River Valley

THE VINEYARDS:

The vineyards for this wine are all located in the 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, Trenton View, Sara-lee's, Catie's Corner, Ritchie, Solas, and Great Oak.

WINEMAKING:

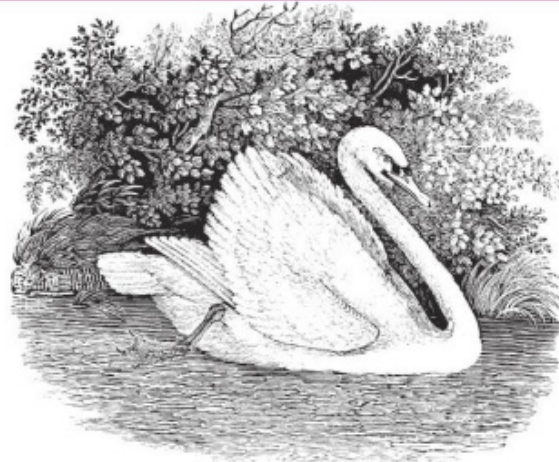
This wine was produced from a multiplicity of clones of pinot noir. Each block of each vineyard was harvested and fermented separately. Fifteen to twenty percent of each lot was left as whole clusters with the balance de-stemmed into open top fermenters. The cap was punched by hand three times per day during the peak fermentation to extract color and flavor and to control fermentation temperature. After an average of 21 days on the skins, the wine was pressed off, settled briefly and then racked to French Burgundy barrels, 16% new, for 10 months of aging before selection, 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, unfinned and unfiltered. The production in 2016 was just over 1940 cases. 12.8%ABV.

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. Aroma: Spring time in the forest, flowers and new growth along with wild berries. In the mouth, more structure and tannic than previous vintages, but still supple. Flavors of wild dark berries and cardamoms. Typical of the 2016 vintage for Russian River Valley pinots noirs, darker fruits with a bit more muscle. Seriously good juice. Like all of the Cuvée de Trois blends, the emphasis is on creating a wine that drank well upon release but one that is surely capable of rewarding with some aging.

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