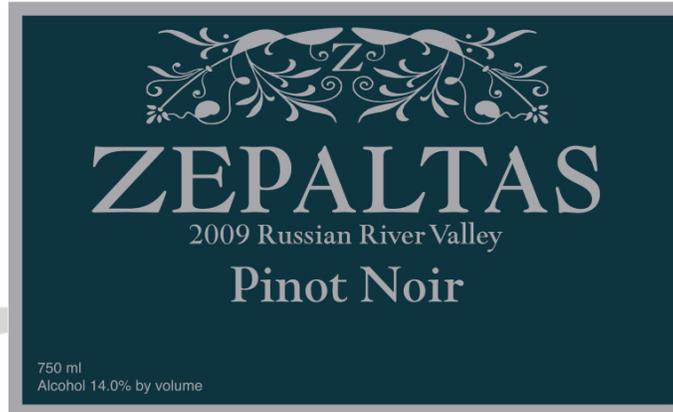


2009 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir



In 2008, the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir was the star of our 2008 lineup. We had gone out and searched for really passionately farmed, high-quality vineyards to make a concentrated, yet elegant blend that reflects what the Russian River Valley is all about (and deliver it a great price.) It has been proven, that it is all about finding the right vineyards and dedicated farmers to work with. Fast-forward to 2009. It was an even better vintage than 2008. With the same vineyards blended in, we were able to out do ourselves because, simply, the growing season was that much greater. We experienced a warmer spring and an even-keeled summer that set the grapes on a steady course for slow, even ripening.

The wine is based on 6 barrels from the Nunes Vineyard located on Old Redwood Highway near Windsor. In our final tasting trial, we discovered that the wine that best reflected the Russian River Valley was version where we blended in 3 barrels of the W.E. Bottoms vineyard and one barrel of the Suacci Vineyard.

On the nose, scents of vibrant black cherry, blackberry and underbrush are displayed. On the palate, the finish is plush with a grip of fine tannin with flavors of raspberry and tobacco. The wine is held up by an acid backbone that gives the wine freshness and length. This is the perfect introduction to Zepaltas Wines. This is a dense, powerful and just plain delicious wine at a great price.

Vineyards in blend: 60% Nunes, 30% W.E. Bottoms, 10% Suacci

Harvest Dates: September 9 - October 14, 2010

40% new French oak, 11 months in barrel

14.0% Alcohol // 3.67 pH // .6 TA //

241 cases (2,892 bottles) made

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Ryan Zepaltas winemaker