



Vintage: 2005

AVA: Russian River Valley

Source: Marta Ella Vineyard. Located between Olivet Road and the tiny town of Fulton, this vineyard lives and grows in the classic Russian River environ of cool, ocean-touched mornings and nights, with warm afternoons. The 10-year-old vines are tightly spaced, in the French tradition, with UCD4 (Pommard) clonal selection on SO4 rootstock.

Alcohol: 14.2% by vol.

TA: 0.62

pH: 3.59

Brix at Harvest: 24.6

Harvest: Hand-picked

Fermentation: Open-top, manual punch down

Fining and Filtration: None

Cooperage: 100% French oak. Francois Freres barrels (50% new)

Tasting notes: Strawberry, raspberry, sweet plum, the fruit tumbles forward, lush and ripe. This is the Russian River Valley, and this is the Pinot Noir it so profoundly produces. Deeper into it, there are delicate notes of cinnamon and *herbes de Provence*, adding the subtle warmth of sage, savory and thyme. Mild tannins are present on the midpalate, giving way to a finish of warm fruit and cola. This wine pairs perfectly with salmon, chicken and tenderloin of pork.