

FLOWERS

Vineyard & Winery

2005 *Sea View Ridge* PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES:

Intense aromas of plums, black currants, and cola are at the core of this wine. The terroir of this rugged seaside vineyard is evident; unfolding in the glass with distinct layers of leather and minerals. In the mouth flavors of dark fruit and subtle citrus notes are present along with rich tannins and crisp acidity. The finish is rich and with exceptional length. Cellar for 1 – 5 years.

WINE FACTS:

- **Vineyards:** This is the second release from our now 8-year-old vines at *Sea View Ridge*, our vineyard adjacent to *Frances Thompson Vineyard*. The vines have wood selections from DRC, Dijon 777, 828, Swan and Flowers selection. Cooled by fingers of coastal summer fog, often lasting into late morning, extends the growing season and allows for slow ripening and development of intense flavor, color and character possible by the Pinot Noir grape. This combination produces a wine that is as unique and wonderful as the vineyard itself.
- **Harvest:** Early September 2005
- **Winemaking:** Fruit was rigorously hand sorted and fully destemmed with some crushing. Moderate cold soaks (4-5 days), warm fermentations (85-90° F), and minimal punch downs (twice a day or less) were done this year in order to adapt to what nature gave us. Total skin contact ranged from 11-18 days with all fermentations being carefully basket pressed and put to barrel on full fermentation lees for ML. Racking was minimal with only one *assemblage* being done in the spring to allow the blend to “marry” in barrel. Mostly native yeast and ML with only small lots conducted using cultured burgundy isolates.
- **Cooperage and Aging:** 40% new barrels; 100% French Oak
Total time in barrel: 16 months
- **Bottling:** January 2007; 250 cases produced.
- **Final bottling technical information:**
 - pH: 3.56
 - TA: 0.590 g/100mL
 - 13.8% alcohol
- **Release date:** Fall 2007