



2007  
CHARLES VINEYARD  
*Anderson Valley*

P I N O T N O I R

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Charles Vineyard is located in the Southeast part of Boonville along the Anderson creek in the Anderson Valley in Mendocino County. The Charles family has been in Boonville on this property since 1950 when the land was a lumber mill, then a cattle ranch and converted to vineyards in 1999. What makes this an ideal location for Pinot Noir is it's location; the Anderson Valley opens to the ocean so the cool coastal influences on the weather can cause as much as 50 degree fluctuations in temperature in a single day. This vineyard is meticulously tended and contains clones 114, 115, 777 and Pommard on three different root stocks.

As with all of our Pinot Noir, we cold-soaked the grapes for three to four days and then introduced select yeasts. Once fermentation began, we hand-punched the must in open-top fermenters at least four times a day to keep the temperature and oxygen at the right levels for the yeast to remain active. Once fermentation was over, the wine was gently pressed and aged for 11 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color with a cinnamon, clove, cardamom and berry on the nose. Hints of caramel emerge after some time in the glass. Flavors of complex dark fruit, spice and earthiness with firm structure leading to a long vibrant cherry finish. Wine really improves with a little air. This wine will last many years in the cellar.

### WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Anderson Valley
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 7, 2007
<b>Brix at Harvest:</b>	24.2°
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>T.A.:</b>	0.57g/100ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.7
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in François Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1 and 2 year old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 8, 2008
<b>Production:</b>	712 cases 750 ml

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