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*2009*  
*Russian River Valley*  
*Rosé of Pinot Noir*

#### **Harvest Notes**

The Russian River Valley experienced our third successive drought in the winter/spring of 2009. The colder than average temperatures in spring pushed the season back by almost three weeks at flowering and fruit set. The summer was cool and dry with low mildew and rot pressure. Temperatures warmed in July and August helping to create a very even veraison and set the stage for a great vintage. Yields were smaller than average and stressed vines produced grapes with exceptional color, vibrant acidity and balance.

#### **Winegrower Notes**

Our fourth release of the Rosé of Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from both Russian River and Green Valley. It is produced using the Saignée method in which a small amount of free run juice is separated from the grapes before fermentation while the color of the juice is light red or pink.

#### **Tasting Notes**

This wine is a delightful accompaniment to a light summer lunch, a leisurely picnic or a laid-back summer evening. This Rosé has vibrant strawberry and late-summer watermelon aromas, echoing flavors, all supported by bracing acidity and a citrus-like finish.

#### **Vineyard Sources**

Dutton Manzana, Martaella,  
Martinelli

#### **Harvest Data**

Sept. 8 – Oct. 1, 2009  
Alcohol 14.2%  
pH 3.31  
TA 0.68

#### **Fermentation**

Saignee—free run juice

#### **Cooperage**

Barrel fermented  
in neutral barrels

#### **Bottling**

February 26, 2010

#### **Cases Produced**

142 cases

#### **Release Date**

March 2010