



Merry Edwards Winery  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### **2010 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley**

This seven-vineyard melange shows off the wonderfully expressive persona of our home region -- the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. People often ask me why I make so many of my wines from this appellation when I have all of California from which to choose. My simple reply is that I passionately believe this to be the epicenter of great Pinot Noir. The uniqueness of the terroir creates wines with stunning aromas and an incredibly rich palate.

2010 was a year low in yield but superb in quality. The intensity of this wine reveals itself first in its brooding, deep fruit aroma. Packed with dark Bing cherry, juicy red raspberry and brambleberry, its largess unfolds with each aerating swirl of the glass. Nuances of violet and ripe pomegranate fill out the expansive profile along with savory accents of toffee, coffee and toasty oak. This lively Pinot has the tannin structure and great acid balance so necessary for long-term aging. Absolutely yummy!

My longtime friend Maile Arnold grows delicious, organic lamb on her home ranch in southern Sebastopol. This inspired our former tasting host and sometimes-chef Taron Huckle to create *Mediterranean-Style Lamb Burgers* as a complement to this delectable Pinot. You can find this Magnum Contest-winning recipe on our website at [merryedwards.com](http://merryedwards.com).