



Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2006 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

This blend reflects the hallmark attributes so treasured in the Pinot Noirs grown in Russian River Valley – a vibrant aroma and a full, rich texture. Containing more than a dozen individual lots, I was able to combine wines made from four distinctive vineyards representing the breadth of our appellation (AVA). Klopp Ranch, one of our oldest sources, forms the foundation of this *mélange*. Another contributor is Flax which overlooks the Russian River from a hill along Westside Road. Both of our estate vineyards, Coopersmith and Meredith also add complements to the mix. The combination of clones (Pommard, Swan, and Dijon 115, 667, 777 and 828) planted at these different locations helps to build complexity.

Exploding with rich, dark berry fruits, black cherry and Santa Rosa plum, the aroma of this wine is ripe and mouthwatering. Vanilla and a hint of cola add to the quintessential Russian River Valley profile. The palate is lush and the finish long and luxuriant. As with past vintages, this Pinot will be enhanced by aging for at least six years.

Grilled Coho salmon makes a delicious pairing with this succulent *cuvée*. Roast pork tenderloin is always a classic match. Serve it with a mix of sautéed gourmet mushrooms tossed with homemade pasta.