



# Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## 2004 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Coopersmith

We are excited to debut our newest estate vineyard named after my husband and farming partner, Ken Coopersmith. The nine-acre property, sustainably farmed to our rigorous standards, sits on a gently rolling slope of the Laguna Ridge, a treasured location for Pinot Noir.

In 2001 we planted the vineyard primarily to clone UCD 37, a selection I identified in 1975 during my tenure as winemaker for Mount Eden. The remaining vines are the newest Dijon 828 clone. Ken and I believe these two Pinot Noir clones are particularly well suited to this special site.

Having complete control of this young vineyard allowed us to restrict yields. The reward of this discipline is a rich wine which qualified for vineyard designation in the premier vintage. Here is a succulent Pinot Noir with classic symmetry. The concentrated, red fruit aromas of cherry and raspberry are offset by sassafras, cinnamon, vanilla and mocha. Full of youthful exuberance, the wine has round, smooth tannins and a stylish finish.

Butterflied leg of lamb grilled over fresh rosemary, game birds or truffled risotto pair deliciously with this mouthwatering wine. In autumn, enjoy the Coopersmith with fresh pumpkin and porcini ravioli smothered in sweet sage butter.