



Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2005 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Coopersmith

This second release from our Coopersmith Vineyard personifies the seductive power of Pinot Noir grown in Russian River Valley. Located in the heart of Laguna Ridge, our estate vines thrive on seven gently sloping acres. The classic California clone UCD 37, a small berried selection I identified in 1975 during my tenure as winemaker for Mount Eden, has a special affinity for this site. Ken Coopersmith, my husband and winery partner, manages our vineyard with pride and a farmer's watchful eye. In the winery, my *Méthode à l'Ancienne* techniques preserve the superb fruit qualities. Barrel aging for ten months in sixty-seven percent new French oak intensified the wine's abundant fruit character and rich mouthfeel.

This effusive Pinot Noir blossoms like a sultry rose in the glass. Mouthwatering, juicy aromas give way to delectable fruit flavors of ripe raspberries, blueberries and dark plum accented with cocoa and spice. Plush and velvety on the palate, the wine is intensely attractive. "It makes me weep," says my joyful, proud husband, Ken.

A rare steak of prime beef, pizzetta with wild mushrooms, herbs and roasted tomato sauce, venison with dark cherry reduction — these are delectable companions for Coopersmith Pinot Noir.