



Merry Edwards Winery
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2005 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Klopp Ranch

The 2005 season was a challenge for our grower and friend, Ted Klopp. For the first time since Klopp Ranch reached vineyard designate status in 1999, we felt only a small lot of grapes showed the exquisite properties we have come to expect. This meant severely limiting production by returning to the vineyard's heart — an old block of Swan clone grapes from which our first 1999 offering was made.

The delicious fruit responded to my gentle *Méthode à l'Ancienne* practices, followed by ten months aging in fifty percent new French oak. Because we made precious little wine, we offer the 2005 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir exclusively to our mailing list customers who hold current allocations.

Expansive, juicy aromas of black cherry, Satsuma plum, and cola promise a luscious mouthful. Smooth on entry and long on the palate, this Pinot Noir serves up pure succulence — boysenberry, plum and creamy hazelnut — framed by fine grained tannins. Deep, layered and accessible, this Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir is immensely enjoyable.

Here is a match for spicy food such as New Orleans favorites, Jambalaya with Tasso or Duck Etouffée. At home we enjoy Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir with Ken's infamous baby back ribs barbecued with a soy-based marinade.