



Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2004 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Tobias Glen

I am pleased to introduce our premier vintage from Tobias Glen, a six-acre vineyard tucked into a small, secluded valley surrounded by mature oak and fir forest. The owners, artist Randall Johnson and his wife Roz, revere the natural beauty of their land and place the care of this small gem in the hands of the respected Robledo family.

The vineyard is located in my Forestville neighborhood, just down the road from my home. Grown on the coolest site from which we source Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley, Tobias Glen grapes are the last to be harvested each vintage. The vines, an ideal cool region mixture of Dijon clones 113, 114, 115, and 777, produce grapes with distinctive blueberry flavors and a rich, full tannin structure.

Gentle handling using my *Méthode à l'Ancienne* protocols brings out the full depth of the late-ripening fruit. Rich on entry, the wine floods the palate with deep, focused flavors of blue and black berry fruit, warm spices and a hint of roasted chestnut. Sleek and supple with a firm backbone, this creamy Pinot Noir promises true longevity in the bottle.

Hearty meats and savory dishes complement the Tobias Glen Pinot Noir. My husband Ken and I enjoy it with grilled filet of beef, hearty chicken pot pie or sometimes a rich tart of goats' milk Gouda.