



# Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## 2005 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Tobias Glen

This lovely six-acre vineyard is the last we harvest each vintage. Located close to my home in Forestville, it is our coolest site in Russian River Valley. Owners Randolph and Roz Johnson cherish the natural beauty of their property. With my guidance, they entrust the vineyard's care to the skilled Robledo family.

Planted to a mixture of Dijon 113, 114 and 115 clones, the vines produce grapes with deep, brooding flavors and impressive tannin structure. My gentle Méthode à l'Ancienne procedures capture the inherently focused nature of this late-ripening fruit. Following cold soaking of carefully destemmed clusters and fermentation with three gentle punch downs each day, the wine aged ten months in French oak barrels, fifty percent of them new.

This Pinot Noir's delectable blueberry and dark fruit aromas seem endless, continuing to expand through the lingering, weighty finish. In the background there are muted notes of elderberry and tamarind. Elegant and exquisitely balanced with intense fruit and generous, smooth tannins, Tobias Glen Pinot Noir promises long life in the bottle and a spectacular future.

The wine's exotic flavors pair well with paella, mixed shellfish sautéed with saffron and my friend John Ash's wild mushroom and cashew pâté. Beef Wellington is another great complement to this regal Pinot Noir.