



Merry Edwards Winery
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2007 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Tobias Glen

Tobias Glen is located in our hometown of Forestville, just minutes north of the winery. This small property endured a succession of managers until we took control in 2002. We immediately assumed supervision and two years later teamed up with the Robledo family. Any night of the week, Ken and I can stroll down the street and confer with Arturo Robledo, father and son, who farm the vineyard for Roz and Randolph Johnson. The result of our joint efforts has been both an increased crop and elevated quality.

A trio of Dijon clones: 113, 114 and 115, is well suited to this cool site, producing a Pinot of high-toned fruit character. Blueberry l'eau de vie, black raspberries and Red Beauty plums add charm to the wine's appealing aroma. In the mouth, it shows a smooth entry, ripe concentrated flavors on the mid-palate and savory wood spice on the firm finish.

A favorite dinner to serve with this exceptional Pinot is barbequed spare ribs accompanied by cornbread made with whole corn, stone-ground meal and buttermilk. Moroccan-style chicken breasts stuffed with couscous, dried figs and pine nuts is another savory pairing. Shiitake mushrooms, pork tenderloin and cubed crookneck squash grilled en brochette, make a tasty supper accompanied by warm ciabatta dipped in olive oil.