



2011 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Meredith Estate

With our vineyards scattered across the breadth of Russian River Valley, Meredith Estate is our solid anchor at the cool, southernmost end. Planted in 1998, the 15-year maturation of our foundation vineyard in the Sebastopol Hills has been a delightful journey. Each season our careful stewardship has helped it develop in stature – deepening in aroma, flavor and body.

The 2011 vintage is an absolute knockout! Its mouthwatering, intense aroma is full of syrupy cassis, luscious black raspberry, ripe blueberry and crushed sweet black cherry. Layers of cocoa, sweet tobacco and Bergamot tea add depth and complexity. The rich, sleek palate is intriguing with its grainy, smooth yet powerful tannins and seemingly endless finish. Like its predecessors, this captivating Pinot will age brilliantly.

I have paired this rich Pinot with a delectable recipe created by Jorge Castillo and Randal Joyner – *Pan-Seared Duck Breast over Sweet Pea and Bacon Risotto*. The concentrated berry reduction sauce reflects the aroma of the wine, and the duck breast mirrors its richness. For this entry to the Win a Magnum contest, they were awarded a signed magnum of Meredith Estate. You can find this on our recipe page at www.merryedwards.com.