



Merry Edwards Winery

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2004 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Meredith Estate

I'm proud to present this wine from my namesake vineyard – Meredith Estate. My husband, Ken Coopersmith, and I farm this land with dedicated support from our helpers Isaac and Jose Garcia, who approach their work with a craftsman's eye and a parent's devotion. Our indispensable amigos for the past four years, they care for the vines daily, fine tuning practices that produce a luscious, ripe crop from my cool hillside vineyard.

For the first time we hand harvested this vineyard at night to protect the grapes' multi-faceted qualities. This vintage is a blend of clones Dijon 667 and 115, Swan and my own classic UCD 37. At the winery I used *Méthode à l'Ancienne* – time honored, gentle techniques, including a five-day cold soak and fermentation in small open-top tanks. Aged for ten months in eighty-three percent new French oak, the wine reveals a subtle sweet aroma, evoking an alpine meadow in bloom.

True to form, this Meredith Estate Pinot Noir has a perfumed, floral nose reflecting its cool location. Its flavor profile speaks of dark fruits: plum, black cherry, black raspberry, elderberry and a bright touch of cassis. This remarkably layered wine has a complex personality with a lively, soft entry and a sleek, firm finish.

As always, this Meredith Estate has the balance, texture and structure to age well. Enjoy it now – or in the years to come – with stuffed crown roast of pork, grilled duck breast with honey and lavender or pappardelle with rabbit and herbs.