



MERRY EDWARDS  
WINERY AND VINEYARDS

## OLIVET LANE VINEYARD

Located on western benchland of the Santa Rosa Plain, Olivet Lane produces grapes coveted by the finest winemakers in Sonoma County. This heritage property is one of the oldest existing Pinot vineyards in the appellation and has been widely recognized as a prime example



of the classic style of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir.

In 1973, the Pellegrini family purchased 65 acres of apple, prune and olive orchards on West Olivet Lane. At the recommendation of Dr. Amand Kasimatis at UC Davis, they planted Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, developing one of the first vineyards in the region devoted exclusively to these two varieties.

The land has well-drained, gravelly, clay loam soil and a cool

Region I climate. The Martini clone of Pinot, selected for this site, is recognized today as uniquely reflecting the classic features of the appellation's terroir. Merry was always confident about the quality of the fruit coming from this vineyard. "I rely on Olivet Lane to produce Pinot Noir with focused Bing cherry flavors and plush texture," she said. Merry Edwards Winery has produced a single-vineyard bottling from Olivet Lane every year since the founding of the brand in 1997.

- ❖ **Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- ❖ **Acreage:** 60 total acres; 20 planted to Pinot Noir
- ❖ **Exposure:** Various — undulating plain
- ❖ **Soil type:** Gravelly, clay loam
- ❖ **Year planted:** 1973
- ❖ **Rootstock:** AXR
- ❖ **Scion wood clone:** Martini
- ❖ **Vine spacing:** 8 x 12 feet; vertical trellis