



MERRY EDWARDS  
WINERY AND VINEYARDS

## MEREDITH ESTATE VINEYARD

In 1996, Merry purchased this 24-acre site, an abandoned apple orchard southwest of the Sebastopol city limits. Two years later, she converted the entire parcel to Pinot Noir. Meredith Estate vineyard grows in an area known locally as the



Sebastopol Hills. On this cool southern edge of Russian River Valley, summer fog shrouds the area, typically until midday. Vine growth is carefully monitored, with a dedicated vineyard crew positioning shoots and thinning the crop three to four times each growing season. They determine irrigation requirements by measuring precisely the moisture content of the grape leaves.

Stewardship of the land includes the use of sustainable, renewable farming practices. A cover crop perennially reseeds itself between the vine rows, reducing erosion of the steep, sloping terrain and supporting beneficial insect populations. Natural amendments, including grape pomace and mushroom compost, replenish the soil with valuable micronutrients. Owl boxes and hawk perches encourage natural control of rodents and other pests.

Meredith Estate is the flagship wine of Merry Edwards Winery and is aged for 10 months in French oak barrels. It offers aromas of rose petals, wild strawberries, dried violets, tea and baking spice. Its big entry displays ripe tannins, while the body is lush, bold and powerful. This is a wine crafted for aging.

- ❖ **Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- ❖ **Acres:** 24 total; 20 planted
- ❖ **Exposure:** South/southeast; 8-12% slope
- ❖ **Soil type:** Goldridge Sandy Loam
- ❖ **Year planted:** 1998
- ❖ **Rootstocks:** 10114 and Schwarzmann
- ❖ **Scion wood clones:** Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777; field selection: Joseph Swan Vineyard, UCD 37 (the Merry Edwards selection)
- ❖ **Vine spacing:** 5 x 8 feet; vertical trellis