



## 2007 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

The Lynmar Estate vineyard just north of Sebastopol is one of the most renowned Pinot Noir vineyards in the famed Russian River.

To create a complete wine, we decided to blend clone 115, a Dijon clone noted for tannin structure and cherry fruit, with Clone 667, from which we'd get perfume and spice. We were careful not to pick overripe so we could make a wine of freshness, energy and integrity which would age well.

The 2007 harvest was extraordinary in this region. Fair weather at bloom gave us excellent set with high numbers of seeds per berry. A relatively cool summer extended the growing season so that ripening occurred in cool weather when flavors could develop gradually without excessive alcohol. Such wines can have unbelievable longevity potential which is seldom exploited.

We were equally fortunate to have an abundant supply of the previous vintage to allow us to hold this wine for an incredible 96 months in very old cooperage. The result combines classic black cherry characteristic of the region with soulful tertiary aromas of marzipan, truffle oil and toasted marshmallow which linger infinitely.

My cellar hands counsel us to serve this wine whenever romance needs a boost.

– CLARK SMITH, WINEMAKER

**My goal is to produce skillfully crafted wines that explore winemaking possibilities beyond the contemporary mainstream.**

**Vineyard Location:** Lynmar Estate Vineyard  
Russian River Valley  
50% Clone 115, 50% Clone 667

**Harvest Date:** 29 September 2007

**Harvest Sugar:** 24.2 Brix

**Fermentation techniques:**

50% Whole Cluster Punchdown  
50% conventional crush / destem  
Ausmannshausen yeast inoculum

**Elevage details:**

Malolactic fermentation in barrel  
Neutral French oak aged 96 months  
TA 5.7 g/L, pH 3.73 at bottling

**297 cases produced.**

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