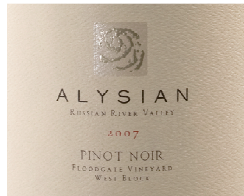


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Gary Farrell's New Winery

2007 Pinot Noir - Floodgate Vineyard



WINERY:

The gentle hills of Russian River Valley offer a wide variety of soil structures and aspects, and the cooling fog from the Pacific Ocean makes the region one of the world's most ideal spots for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Gary Farrell has been making wines from many of these distinctive sites for nearly three decades, and his intimate knowledge of their terroir allows him to designate micro-climates where grapes develop their most distinctive expression. Meticulous clonal selection and vineyard cultivation have resulted in the unsurpassed reputation of properties like Allen, Cresta Ridge, Floodgate, Hallberg, Starr Ridge and Rochioli vineyards

DESCRIPTION:

Though production was significantly limited by crop size, the wines express amazing flavor intensity and impeccable balance. The youthful, purple-tinged color of this wine hints of its adolescence; as do the incredibly deep aromas of violet, fresh blackberry and dark stone fruits. On the palate, wild berry and black cherry flavors expand and become quite exotic; with nuances of enriching oak and spice. The vineyard's contribution of structure becomes quite evident as the flavors build with vibrant, precise acidity and supportive fine-grain tannins.

WINEMAKING:

2007 provided Russian River Valley winemakers with an extremely small crop of tiny clusters and berries, perfectly ripened by an especially cool and dry growing season. Hand harvested at night under lights (9/5). Hand sorted in vineyard. Cold fruit processed in the early morning, Hand sorted before and after stem removal.

FERMENTATION:

Small open top tanks. Cold soaked 4 days. Wild & cultured yeasts. 3 punch downs daily. Duration 22 days.

COOPERAGE:

100% barrel fermented in French Oak (François Frères; Rousseau), 50% new; 35% one year old; 15% two years old. 13 months in barrel. ML fermentation in barrel.

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.3%; Brix 24.3; T.A. 6.9 gm/L, pH: 3.40

BOTTLING DATE:

November 14, 2008

PRODUCTION:

444 cases

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