

Richard Grant

2006 Wrotham Pinot Noir



- WINERY:** Produced exclusively by Richard Grant Wines in Napa Valley, California from America's only Wrotham [pronounced "Root-um"] Pinot vineyard. All the grapes in this small (two acre) vineyard were propagated from a single, two hundred year old, wild vine. That vine was discovered quite by accident growing against a stone wall in the village of Wrotham, Kent, England. Brought to Napa Valley by Dr. Richard Grant Peterson, it is an ancient seedling of Pinot Noir thought to have been introduced to Britain by the Romans nearly 2,000 years ago
- DESCRIPTION:** Overall, the color and 'body' seem a little fuller than is the case with most other Napa Pinots. Oak character in new red wines tends to diminish with bottle aging and the void is filled with increased varietal fruitiness over time. The oakiness is particularly well balanced and the tannic taste is softened significantly, exquisitely balancing the oak and fruit characters. Expect this 2006 to age beautifully, developing "Bottle Bouquet" within a very few years.
- WINEMAKING:** This wine was made in the style of classic French Burgundies rather than the "high alcohol bomb" type Pinots that consumers now endure too often in California. 2006 was colder than usual in Napa Valley, so the crop was thinned to a full 10% in early July 2006. This year was the very first red wine made from Wrotham Pinot grapes in many centuries
- HARVEST:** 8,724 tons of fruit were harvested September 25 at 24 degrees brix which gave this vintage every chance to stand out..
- COOPERAGE:** Over 1 year in French Oak after malo-lactic fermentation.
- BOTTLED:** March 26, 2008
- PRODUCTION:** 516 cases
- ALCOHOL:** Alcohol 14.6%, Ph 3.47

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