

RiverBench Vineyards

2006 Estate Pinot Noir



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WINERY:

Riverbench vineyard was established in 1973, when its first chardonnay and pinot noir grapes were planted on the property. For years since then, some of the most renowned wineries in Santa Barbara County have purchased their fruit for their own wines. Over time Riverbench has become a prominent name for high quality chardonnay and pinot noir in the Santa Maria Valley.

In 2004, a group of local families purchased the property. Wine drinkers themselves, the owners quickly became enamored with the wine industry and decided to start producing their own wine label using small quantities of their exceptional fruit.

Riverbench Winery was born. Chuck Ortman is their consulting winemaker.

DESCRIPTION:

To winemakers, pinot noir can be that rebellious toddler, prone to infections and notorious for talking back. Yet the Estate Pinot Noir shows no signs of ever having been a little rough around the edges.

The vivid burgundy color intrigues as it splashes into the glass, while the lush aromas of red fruit entice you to taste. Sumptuous flavors of strawberries and mulberries coat the tongue, but the wine remains light. It perfectly complements grilled cornmeal crusted quail or a spicy Thai risotto with calamari.

COOPERAGE:

Aged in 35% new French oak for 10 months

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 15.48% by volume, pH: 3.84, TA: 6.31 g/L

BOTTLED:

September 2006

PRODUCTION:

1062 cases - 750 ml

RELEASE DATE:

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