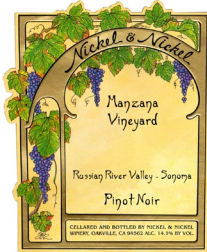


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MANZANA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR
2006

technical notes:



APPELLATION: Russian River Valley,
Sonoma

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

AGING: French oak barrels
(60% new, 40% once-used)

HARVEST DATES: September 29 &
October 3, 2006

SKIN CONTACT: 10 days

TIME: 9 months

RELEASE DATE: March 2008

FIRST VINTAGE: 2003

vineyard description:

Located in the Green Valley subappellation of the Russian River Valley, the 24-acre Manzana Vineyard is planted on a gently sloped hillside composed of Goldridge soils. The name "Manzana," Spanish for apple, honors the area's long heritage of apple orchards. Nickel & Nickel's six-acre block produces moderately sized vines with small clusters. Cool growing conditions due to the morning fog allow the Pinot Noir to ripen slowly, developing jammy flavors and soft berries.

harvest notes:

The Russian River area experienced a lot of rain in the early spring and budbreak began two weeks later than typical. Warm weather in May allowed for an even flowering and set, resulting in the prospect of a bountiful crop. Good soil moisture and mild summer temperatures provided for excellent growth and ripening conditions throughout the extended season. We harvested the fruit later than normal, but the cooler and shorter days of fall gradually brought full ripeness.

sensory evaluation:

The 2006 Manzana is a classic example of Russian River Pinot Noir. The translucent red hue hints at the graceful interplay of perfume and flavors that are unique to Pinot Noir. It has beautiful, forward aromas of strawberry and cherry, followed by perfume, spice and roasted nuts. The palate is soft and elegant with coating layers of light red fruits, espresso and toasty oak that persist through to the long, supple finish.

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