



EMERITUS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED PINOT NOIR

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HALLBERG RANCH • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2009 VINTAGE

The cold 2009 spring caused the vines to set a smaller-than-normal crop, but the subsequent cool growing season was ideal for Pinot Noir. We saw flavors develop slowly, in balance with tannins and sugar, resulting in more medium-bodied wines than the 2008s, with less alcohol than any of our previous wines.



The wine has great depth, dark crimson color, and notable intensity—reminiscent of our 2007s. Overall, we are pleased with the deep colors, variety of flavors, great balance, elegant style, and rarity of the wines. It is rich without being heavy, and embodies what I am looking for in a Pinot: power and finesse. Dare I say *iron fist in a velvet glove*.

—Nicolas Cantacuzene

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