

Davis Family Vineyards

2005 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Alluring, seductive, mysterious...enough about my wife, on to this new vintage of my Pinot Noir. The 2005 growing season was about moderation – enough, but not too much rain that winter - early Spring, but not so early as to be hit by frost – warm all summer but never over about 90 here in Russian River Valley – all capped off by what seemed like a 60 day Indian summer from the first week of September thru the first week of November, 75 degrees during the day and 45 at night.

The set-up for perfect ripeness as the grapes stayed on the vine developing extra layers without increasing alcohol or sacrificing elegance... which is proved in your first encounter with this wine - *the aroma* it will knock you off your feet – the sweet cherry center is only a fraction of the perfume, as floral and savory give way to brown spice and leather – delicate but forceful, pretty yet penetrating. The flavors follow suit, and then the textures balance like a pendulum – swinging from bright, lively acidity to prop up the flavors of the wine and of your meal; across to the silky, soft finish that keeps lingering and bringing you back for more – in case you can't tell I really like this wine – it is elegance with intrigue, sensual and satisfying, a true natural beauty --- wait am I talking about my wife again -- it must be because we picked the last of the hillside Pinot at our home on her birthday, October 16th!

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