



The longer I make wines - the more simplistic my views get. In this case, I have to force myself to write about this wine because all I want to say is one word: Classic. It is as if anything else I write about it will just take away from a wine that speaks for itself.

This wine comes from a Russian River Valley hillside vineyard we call "Mystos" because its owners do not want their name in print. Mystos is also the name of a surf spot known only to the locals who surf the Sonoma Coast. Sorry, we can't tell you where it is....

I have made my first Pinot Noir in California in 1986 and have watched with a mix of fascination and bewilderment how wines from this variety, historically delicate and age-worthy lighter red wines, were transformed by consumer preference and great marketing into dark, big, juicy wines with high pH and easy drinkability. Not this wine; made with minimal intervention and allowed to express the heritage of the variety, this wine will be a bit tight at release and will mature beautifully with time.

This Pinot Noir is one that makes you think of great friendships - quiet, constantly evolving and powerful; it makes you stop and look deep inside yourself. Yes, it is only a wine, but the vintage, the location, the indigenous-yeast fermentation and the delicate oak selected for long maturation - all worked in unison to produce a uniquely balanced wine with great acidity that begs you to design a perfect meal around it. It will age well, like good friendships tend to do.

Cheers!

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MYSTOS
PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Rochioli Selection.

Appellation: 100% Russian River
Valley, Sonoma County

Fermentation: 3 Day cold-soak,
Open top fermentation

Ageing: 12 months in French Oak
barrels, 40% New

Analysis: Alcohol 14.2 %
TA 6.3 g/L pH 3.64

Production: 108 Cases

MSRP: \$ 55.00