



# CONSPIRE

## 2008 Pinot Noir *Russian River Valley*

### TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL:  
100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS:  
DuNah Vineyards  
Sebastopol

BARREL PROGRAM:  
100% French Oak  
33% New  
(Francois Frere, Latour  
Taransaud, Berger, Allier)

HARVEST:  
Sept. 19 – Oct. 7, 2008

BOTTLING:  
February 17, 2010  
237 cases produced

ANALYSIS:  
TA: 6.10 g/L  
PH: 3.67  
ALC: 14.4%

### PHILOSOPHY

Every variety has its own magical signature when grown in the perfect locale and coddled with the proper winemaking techniques. Created as a companion to MEANDER, CONSPIRE is my ABC (Anything But Cabernet) playground. It provides an open arena where I “conspire” with boutique growers to create lush, terroir-driven wines – from a range of varieties – that capture a snapshot of time and place.

~ Amy Aiken, Winemaker/Proprietor

### WINEMAKING

My 2008 Pinot Noir comes from a cool, exposed vineyard located on a windswept ridgeline just north of the Petaluma Wind Gap. It features three cane-pruned Dijon clones on three different rootstocks. After gentle crushing, the wine completes primary and malolactic fermentations using wild (indigenous) yeasts. The wine spends 16 months in 100% French oak barrels (33% new) prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich, fruit-laced flavors and highly-charged aromatics of violets, cream soda, raspberry and spice identify this Pinot Noir as distinctly Russian River. This wine possesses a supple middle palette that delivers intense black cherries and ripe red fruits. The finish is long and elegant with notes of exotic spice and licorice. Drink now through 2014.

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