

# FLOWERS

*Vineyard & Winery*

## 2006 *Sea View Ridge* PINOT NOIR

**TASTING NOTES:** Ruby red color. Intense aromas of plum, black currant and cola. Spreading mouth-feel of dark fruit with subtle citrus note. Refined tannins and crisp acidity. Rich, round finish with exceptional length. Drink over the next 3 years.

### **WINE FACTS:**

- **Vineyards:** The third release from our now 10 year old vines at *Sea View Ridge*, our highest elevation vineyard. The vines have wood selections from DRC, Dijon 777, 828, Swan and Flowers selection. Cool coastal summer fog below extends the growing season and allows for slow ripening and development of intense flavor, color and character. This combination produces a wine that is as unique and wonderful as the vineyard itself.
- **Harvest:** Early September 2006
- **Winemaking:** Fruit was rigorously hand sorted and fully destemmed with some crushing. Moderate cold soaks (4-5 days), warm fermentations (85-90° F), and minimal punch downs (twice a day or less) were done this year in order to adapt to what nature gave us. Total skin contact ranged from 11-18 days with all fermentations being carefully basket pressed and put to barrel on full fermentation lees for ML. Racking was minimal with only one *assemblage* being done in the spring to allow the blend to “marry” in barrel. Mostly native yeast and ML with only small lots conducted using cultured burgundy isolates.
- **Cooperage and Aging:** 40% new barrels; 100% French Oak  
Total time in barrel: 17 months
- **Bottling:** February 2008; 429 cases produced.
- **Final bottling technical information:**
  - pH: 3.40
  - TA: 0.61g/100mL
  - 14.1% alcohol
- **Release date:** Fall 2008