2009 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Harvest: September 7, 2009, hand picked
Appellation: Russian River Valley
Vineyard: Galante Vineyard, Gold Ridge soils, Cherry Ridge Road, Sebastopol
Vines: Dijon Clone 115 on 101-14 rootstock
Brix at Harvest: 26.0 Brix
Crush: De-stemmed whole berries – no crushing
Pre-fermentation: 5 days at 50 degrees F
Peak Temperature: 92 degrees F
Pressing: After seven days of fermentation
Aging: Native malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
Oak: 45% new French Oak, mixed coopers and forests, M and M+ toast
Time in wood: 10 months
Bottled: July 26, 2010
Produced: 291 cases 750 ml bottles; plus 3 cases 1.5L Bottles produced

Winemaker’s Notes:
The Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley is famous for its cool climate and sandy-loam Gold ridge soils that provide excellent drainage and low soil fertility. The Galante Vineyard sits in the heart of this appellation, producing Pinot Noir grapes with a wonderful intensity of fruit aroma and bright flavors. The Coho 2009 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has pure black cherry and ripe plum aromas, with hints of fragrant dried hibiscus, cedar and cigar box. The rich entry on the palate continues all the way to the aftertaste, with supple tannins and a lush texture on the finish.

Finished Wine Statistics:
Alcohol: 14.5%  Ph: 3.62 pH  TA: 6.5 g/L