



# KETCHAM ESTATE

Dedicated to Extraordinary Pinot Noir from Russian River Valley



## 2009 PINOT NOIR

### KETCHAM VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

The Russian River Valley is our heart and home when it comes to Pinot Noirs. Our wines embody the unique qualities that only the Russian River Valley can offer—that wonderful blend of spices, sassafras, red and dark fruits, and the beautiful balance that incontrovertibly is present in every bottle of our Pinot Noir.

#### VINEYARD

Ketcham Estate wines are produced from our 17-acre vineyard just off of Eastside Road south of Healdsburg, CA. Our vineyard contains multiple microclimates due to the cooling westerly winds and the variety of soil structures from our winding creek that borders the eastern and southern property perimeters. This diversity of climate and soil, as well as the many Dijon and Pommard clones, provides the wine with broad flavor profiles, great depth and structure. Our “Old Vine” Pommard-4 block, the oldest vines in the vineyard, are over 25 years old.

#### VINTAGE

For the 2009 vintage, we only produced 189 cases of our flagship Estate Pinot Noir, reflecting the light crop that year. A lighter crop load also equates to more concentrated flavors in each grape, and this is reflected in the intensity of the wine.

This Pinot includes the grapes from our 25-year-old block of Pommard-4 on the east side of the property, as well as 828 and 777 clones. We have discovered these blocks are truly emblematic of the Russian River Valley and the *terroir*, or a sense of place, of our site. We picked and fermented the grapes by blocks, keeping the blocks separate until it was time to make our final blend. This labor-intensive process allows us to produce a wine that truly expresses the *terroir* of Ketcham Vineyard. Combine the depth of flavors with the incredible aromatics of 2009, and we believe we have our finest wine to date—one that marries profound Pinot characteristics with nuanced elegance.

#### TASTING NOTES

A lovely balanced nose of dark red fruit—currant and strawberry—mingle with the perfumes of French oak. The aromas of summer flowers, Provençal herbs and mineral nuances blend nicely with the red fruit and earth characters that are typical with mature vines. The palate leads with a firm, balanced, acidic structure. The texture is silky and medium-bodied. The mid-palate has that Russian River Valley quality we love, with a core of profound red fruit married with tones of earth, spice, mineral and the earthiness of the forest floor, making it wonderful for pairing with food.

CASES PRODUCED	189
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 17-18, 2009
BRIX AT HARVEST	23.5°
ALCOHOL	14.1%
BARREL AGING	20 Months
CLONES	Old Vine Pommard-4; Dijon 777 (East Block), 828 (East Block)
BOTTLING DATE	May 20, 2011
DRINK	Now through 2020
SUGGESTED RETAIL	\$48