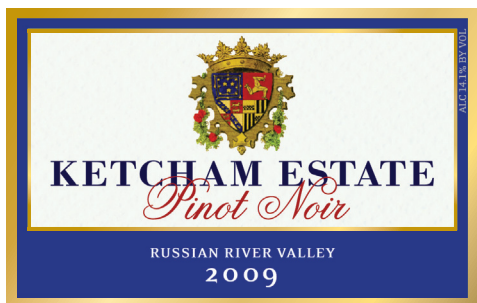




# KETCHAM ESTATE

Dedicated to Extraordinary Pinot Noir from Russian River Valley



## 2009 PINOT NOIR 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

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is from vines we planted when we purchased the vineyard in 2001. Our 2009 Pinot is predominantly Dijon clones 828, 115, 667 and 777 with a little Pommard from the old block on the vineyard as well as 10-year-old Pommard-4.

This Pinot Noir possesses the vineyard’s trademark depth, intensity, power and breadth, and not at the sacrifice of nuanced complexity. It shows firm acidity, with good balance and structure. The 2009 vintage is showing more elegantly and aromatic than in years past, and this wine presents that elegance on the palate, which we think is an exciting combination.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep and profound aromatics of red fruits, highlighted by raspberry and strawberry with hints of warm spice, join the signature sassafras and mineral nuances. A trace of nutmeg and a touch of clean earth contribute to the appeal. The palate is rich and medium to full-bodied. The layers of flavor are focused and pure. Dark red fruits, including blackberries and ripe raspberries, pair well with the higher-toned red currant notes. This blend offers a wine that is brighter in fruit and more approachable in its youth.

The 2009 vintage portrays an elegance on the palate, and is delightful to pair with a range of foods including pasta, duck, lamb, chicken and steak.

CASES PRODUCED	901
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
WINEMAKER	Scott Rich
HARVEST DATES	September 17-23, 2009
BRIX AT HARVEST	23.5° to 24.9°
ALCOHOL	14.1%
BARREL AGING	20 Months
CLONES	Dijon 115, 667, 777, 828 (West Block) & Pommard-4 (East Block)
BOTTLING DATE	May 20, 2011
DRINK	Now through 2020
SUGGESTED RETAIL	\$38