

TAFT STREET

A SONOMA COUNTY WINERY

2008 PINOT GRIS RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

THIS IS A LIGHT AND REFRESHING WINE WITH HINTS OF GRAPEFRUIT AND MELON. THE LIVELINESS PERSISTS THROUGH A LONG AND SATISFYING FINISH.

VINIFICATION

THE WINE WAS COLD FERMENTED IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS WITH MINIMAL HANDLING AND FINING.



- VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT GRIS
- HARVEST DATES: AUGUST 29TH, 2008
- BOTTLING DATE: JANUARY, '09
- TOTAL CASES MADE: 400
- ALCOHOL: 13.07%
- RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.13%
- TOTAL ACID AT HARVEST: 0.52G/100ML
- PH AT HARVEST: 3.65

VINEYARD LOCATION

THE GRAPES FOR THIS WINE CAME FROM THE PRESTON VINEYARD, LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN END OF EASTSIDE ROAD, ON THE BANKS OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

THE 2008 VINTAGE DID NOT LACK FOR DRAMA. IT HAD IT ALL — DROUGHT, FROST, HEAT WAVES, WILDFIRES AND WIND. THERE WERE ALSO PERIODS OF PERFECT CONDITIONS — WARM, SUNNY DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS. THE RAINS STOPPED EARLY AND THE SPRING WAS DRY. THE FIRST FROSTS OCCURRED IN APRIL AND DAMAGE WAS WIDESPREAD. MANY HADN'T RECALLED WORSE CONDITIONS SINCE 1972. IN MAY A HEAT WAVE FURTHER REDUCED CROP SIZE. THEN THE WEATHER TURNED PICTURE PERFECT, THOUGH THE HARVEST WAS EARLY FOR MANY, AND WE HAD OUR PINOT GRIS IN BEFORE LABOR DAY. IT WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR, BUT INDICATIONS ARE WHAT MOTHER NATURE TOOK AWAY IN CROP SIZE SHE MADE UP FOR IN QUALITY FRUIT. THIS PINOT GRIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.