

BARNETT VINEYARDS

Spring Mountain District

NAPA VALLEY

PINOT NOIR **Russian River Valley** **2005**

Harvest Dates:	September 10 th and 21 st , 2005
Grape Source:	100% Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley AVA of Russian River Valley
Clonal Blend:	50% 115, 25% 777 and 25% 667
Aging:	11 months in French Oak Barrels 40% new and 60% once used
Alcohol:	14.6%
Yeast:	RC212
Production:	818 Cases
Release Date:	September 2006
Winemaker:	Nile Zacherle

Vineyard Notes: Sourced from three different blocks from within the Tina Marie Vineyard of the Russian River Valley. The distinctive gold-ridge soil and coastal influence make it ideal for Pinot Noir. The 2005 vintage was a moderately cool vintage on the coast making it ideal for a slow maturation of the Pinot Noir grapes. We picked the 667 and 777 earlier and let the 115 clone hang out for another 11 days before picking. This vintage show fully developed tannins along with rich and concentrate red fruits, while demonstrating the classic Russian River aromatics.

Winemaker Notes: This hand picked Pinot Noir was cold soaked for 5 days in small open top fermenters. The fermentation was allowed to start naturally before inoculating with a Burgundian yeast culture. The grapes were punched down or pumped over two to three times daily and pressed near dryness. This 2005 Pinot was on the skins for 13-15 days and pressed to new and once used French oak. It was aged sur-lee for 3 months then delicately racked and blended before being returned to barrels for another 8 months before bottling.

Tasting Notes: The aromas jump from the glass of baked rhubarb pie with red fruits of raspberry and cherry followed by earth spice and wet clay. There is a sweet and lush entry along with a round palate texture that coat the mouth. Flavors of cola and plum are then finished with pomegranate and spicy oak tones.