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Wine Cellars



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## 2006 PINOT NOIR

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### Umino

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 364 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.1%

#### **The Vintage:**

A challenging vintage the 2006 set a bumper crop. Rain in the spring set the stage for microbial problems in the fall. Excessive heat in the early summer created berry damage. Copious fruit thinning at veraison and serious sorting especially by the growers in the field brought in fruit to be proud of. Finally, excessive saignee or bleeding of juice from the must at the fermenter led to a higher solid to juice ratio creating wines with excellent color and flavor concentration.

#### **Winemaker's Notes:**

This is a deep, wonderfully elegant and concentrated Pinot, densely packed with youthful red fruit and plenty of spice. It offers a focused aromatic display of Amarena cherry, Santa Rosa plum and sweet red currant scents, tied to yellow rose, dried orange zest, pink peppercorn, powdered sumac, coriander seed and roasted grain, beneath a subtly smoky veneer. The flavors are more forthcoming yet, as cherry, red plum, boysenberry, raspberry and wild strawberry impressions rise above the Oriental spice notes. An interplay of richness and zest keeps the finish lively and focused, and all the wines elements find fuller expression and greater harmony with airing. Expect this brilliant young wine to grow significantly grander for the next five years or more.

#### **Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 19, 2007  
Yield: 2.24 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.4 g/L  
pH: 3.55  
Alcohol: 14.1%

#### **Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Umino Vineyard  
*Dijon Clone: 115, 777, 667 & 459*

#### **Aging:**

Fifteen months in 60 gallon  
French oak barrels: 67% new;  
100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

#### **Harvest:**

October 19<sup>th</sup> at 25.6 degree brix

#### **Release Date:**

October 1, 2008

#### **Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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