



ERIC ROSS WINERY

2001 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Saralee's Vineyard

Appellation	Russian River Valley, Saralee Vineyard
Date of Harvest	September 17, 2000
Varietal Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.75 pH
Residual Sugar	Dry
Bottling Date	January, 2003
Production	450 Cases

The Wine

Our 2001 Russian River Valley Saralee Pinot Noir has a nose filled with black cherry, plum, and Cranberry with subtle French oak in the background. The mouth has a nice complexity with silky smooth tannins and a soft lingering finish.

A Silver Medal Winner in the 2004 Orange County Fair Wine Competition.

The Grapes

Grapes for this wine came from Saralee's Vineyard in a cool area of the Russian River Valley near Forestville. Low yields and a cool growing season, produced grapes with great complexity.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand picked in the early morning, then crushed into small fermenters. Caps were punched by hand twice daily, during a cool 10-day fermentation. The wine was pressed into Demptos and Damy French oak barrels for aging before bottling, 40% of which were new. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.