

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • DUTTON RANCH VINEYARD

2009 PINOT NOIR



Appellation Russian River Valley,
Sonoma County
Blend 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol 14.5%
Aged 14 months in French oak;
50% new oak
SRP \$35

THE WINERY

The Francis Ford Coppola Winery was established in 2006 in Sonoma County, California to celebrate wine, food and adventure. Our winery is a place where guests can enjoy new wine experiences, have fun with friends and family, be entertained and savor life's simple pleasures.

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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations, and special winemaking techniques in the case of our rare dessert wines. Our head winemaker, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines including a unique late harvest Semillon and Petite Sirah "Port." Because these wines are produced in such limited quantities, they are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain of Rubicon Estate in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

DUTTON RANCH VINEYARD

Our Pinot Noir is grown in the esteemed Dutton Ranch and cared for by the Dutton family who've been farming these vineyards for five generations. Their intricate knowledge of each lot and the nuances delivered by each clone ensures that all the fruit grown here has been cultivated to its highest level. Our fruit comes from 15-year-old vines that are sustainably farmed. The soil is comprised of sandy loam and some clay, which accentuates the fruit's intense aromatics. The cool, foggy mornings and warm days allow the grapes to ripen slowly and retain an ideal level of natural acidity so that the wines are perfectly balanced.

THE WINE

2009 was an excellent vintage because of ideal weather conditions: light spring rains followed by warm summer days and no abrupt climate changes throughout the season. Because the grapes achieved perfect, even ripening, they were quite aromatic and very well-balanced, which allowed us to be highly selective at harvest. Our 2009 Pinot Noir bestows a lovely perfume of strawberries and spice followed by sweet, luscious flavors of cherries and raspberries that are accentuated by cloves, blackberry tea and violets. Velvety on the palate and richly flavored with an alluring spice finish—enjoy this wine with a wild mushroom tart, herb-encrusted pork tenderloin, or barbecued salmon. Blend: 100% Pinot Noir; Alcohol: 14.5%; Aged: 14 months in French oak; 50% new oak.

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