



# SUACCI CARCIERE

## 2009 Suacci Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

### *The Winery*

Based in the small Russian River Valley town of Sebastopol, Suacci Carciere released its inaugural wines in 2006. These wines capture the owners' commitment to showcasing small, artisan vineyards of the cool western Sonoma County winegrowing region. Suacci Carciere wines offer broad fruit flavors, fresh, crisp structure, and notable depth, complexity and texture. We hope you enjoy our wines as much as we enjoy crafting them.

### *Vintage Notes*

2009 was probably the best growing season that I have seen in my years in the business. A long, evenly keeled summer with a nice little warm spell in late August help flavors, sugars, acids and tannins all cross the finish line at the same time. Yields were perfect with minimal fruit dropping needed in the vineyard, and in late September we were awarded with some amazing fruit in our vineyards.

### *Winemaking Techniques*

Picked by hand on September 21, 24 and October 20 the grapes were hand sorted and gently destemmed or left as whole clusters. The grapes were then fermented in small vats with hand punchdowns conducted twice per day. A blend of natural and cultured yeasts were used for fermentation. At dryness, the grapes were gently pressed directly into barrels. The wine rested in French oak (41% new) for 14 months before bottling. The final blend is about 30% whole cluster.

### *Winemaker Notes*

On the nose, scents of Black Cherry, raspberry compote with a slight smokiness. As the wine opens up, earth, dried herbs and mineral notes appear. The core of this wine is dense with a chalky mouthfeel that give the wine structure and some extra layers. After some air, the wine softens up and begins to have a creamy mouthfeel. The finish is lingering and mouth-watering due to the vibrant acidity and tannins. This wine will continue to streamline itself with some cellaring, and any drinking in the short term will benefit from pairing with a pinot-friendly dish.



### **Technical Notes:**

Appellation: Russian River Valley  
Composition: Dijon 115 and 777  
Time in Barrel: 14 months  
Alcohol: 13.4%  
T.A.: .66  
pH: 3.47  
Cases Produced: 288  
Winemaker: Ryan Zepaltas  
Proprietors: John Suacci & Andy Carciere