

## 2007 L'ANGEVIN PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine exemplifies Russian River Pinot Noir. Aromas of freshly crushed black cherry, bergamot, black tea leaves, subtle spice and sandalwood interplay with notes of fresh soil and forest floor. An even and smooth entry cascades across the balanced and weighty palate. Hints of white chocolate remain throughout its long and textured finish.

### LAUGHLIN FAMILY VINEYARD

The Russian River vineyard is low-lying -- directly on the Russian River -- and experiences a great deal of cloud cover throughout the growing season. Grown on alluvial soils, these 35-year old vines are trellised with vertical shoot positioning on a bi-lateral cordon. We nurture these vines through cultural practices such as shoot positioning, leaf removal and fruit thinning, to bring the clusters an optimal balance of sun, shade, and air flow which allows them to properly develop and mature. Generally ripening in mid to late September, we receive approximately 2.5 tons to the acre.

### *Stephen Tanzer, 2009*

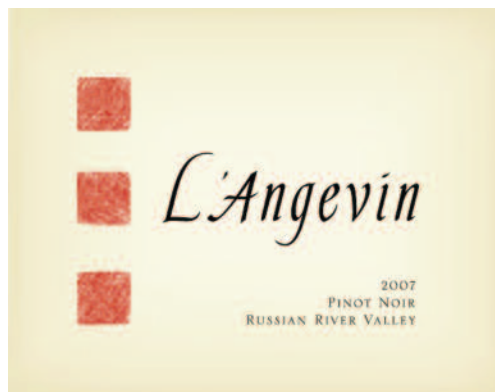
Vivid red. Spicy red and dark berry aromas are complicated by notes of cinnamon, rose and musky underbrush. Fleshy, gently sweet red berry flavors are firm by a refreshingly bitter cherry skin quality and become spicier with air. Manages to be both rich and lithe, repeating the red fruits on the finish. - 90 pts

### *Wine Spectator, June 2009*

Firm, intense and vibrant, rich and concentrated, this full-bodied, spicy version is marked by complex earthy cherry, wild berry and blackberry fruit that gains depth and focus on the long, intricate finish, supported by firm, dry tannins. - 90 pts

### *Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, March 2010*

The 2007 Pinot Noir Russian River (100% de-stemmed) comes from Dijon clones 828 and 777 as well as the old Calera and Swan clones. Apparently there is also some of that special "suitcase" clone from Vosne-Romanee in the blend. The wine possesses abundant amounts of blueberry, sweet cherry, underbrush, spice box, and earth characteristics along with good density, decent acidity, and silky tannins. Already evolved and complex, it should continue to drink well for another 5-6 years. - 90 pts.



VINTAGE	2007
VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
PRODUCTION	400 Cases
RETAIL PRICE	\$44/bottle
HARVEST	September 2007
PROCESS	Tank fermented 100% malolactic Barrel aged 15 months ( <i>sur lees</i> )
BOTTLED	40% New French Oak Unfined & Unfiltered January 2009
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