

# Auteur

## 2005 Pinot Noir Sonoma Stage Vineyard Sonoma Coast CA

### THE VINEYARD

Sonoma Stage is located in the southern portion of the Sonoma Coast Appellation, at the apex of Stage Gulch Road between Petaluma and Carneros a cool and windy site, keeping yields low and intense. The vineyard was planted by Richard Hyde and his son Rick, brother and nephew of Larry Hyde.

### THE WINEMAKING

Hand harvested on October 4, 2005 at 2 Tons per Acre. The Sonoma Stage Pinot was co-fermented with 50% Calera and 50% Swan Clones, of which 25% was whole cluster. To maintain the fresh fruit character of this dark beauty, native fermentation and minimal cap manipulation preserved the finesse of this cool climate Pinot. The wine was aged in 100%, One-Year-Old, French Cooperage and pressed before dryness. Unfiltered and unfined.

### THE PALATE

A lush, dark, weighty blend of wild blueberry, marionberry and blackberry with edges of violet, iron, earth and peppercorn. Rich grilled flavors emerge on the palate with a core of currant, blackberry and raspberry. Expansive and explosive yet not exhaustive.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested October 4, 2005  
50% Calera, 50% Swan Clones Co-Fermented  
2 Tons Per Acre  
25% Whole Cluster  
Native Yeast Fermentation  
100% One Year Old, French Cooperage  
14.4% Alc by Vol  
72 Cases Produced