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## 2009 Thorn Ridge Ranch Pinot Noir

Farmed by Ted Klopp and his daughter Lauren Klopp William, this vineyard is located high in the Sebastopol Hills, in an area which had previously been designated Sonoma Coast, but is now part of the expanded Russian River Valley appellation. The character of the fruit is neither typical Russian River nor typical Sonoma Coast. The deep dark berry profile is the result of the steep east facing aspect high above the fog line and the goldridge soils. The clones are Pommard, Swan, and 777 and are from the upper and lower parts of the ranch.

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Fruit Source:** Thorn Ridge Ranch

### Tasting Notes

**Color:** Deep ruby

**Aroma:** Blackberry, black cherry, smoky dried herbs, exotic spices

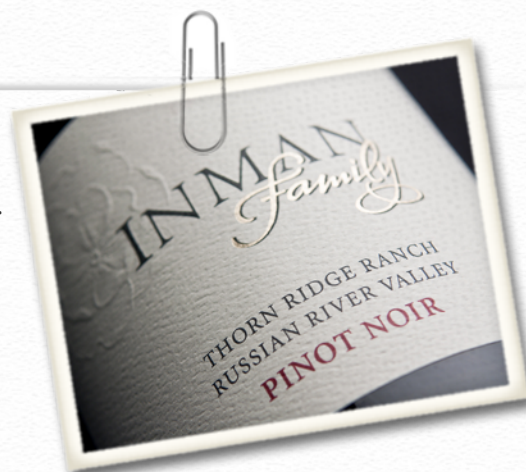
**Flavor:** This is a luscious wine with ripe blackberry and cherry flavors. Secondary fruit components include black raspberries, an almost saline/sea breeze hint along with California bay leaves. The wine has a rich, round mid-palate with balanced tannins. The finish is velvety and long, with a beautiful earthiness redolent with black tea and dried rose petals. This wine should continue to improve with careful cellaring until at least 2017.

### Vineyard Notes

The fruit was destemmed and cold soaked for 4 days in open-top 5-ton stainless steel tanks. A spontaneous fermentation with natural yeast occurred. The wine was pressed off when dry and aged in a combination of new, one year and two year old French barrels: about 25% was new. A native malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel. The wines were filtered by crossflow and bottled under screwcap on April 4, 2011.

### Food Pairing Notes

Our family's favorite pairings are braised shortribs or Moroccan-inspired lamb shanks. Our recipes are available by clicking the recipes link to the left.



### Wine Specs

**Vintage** 2009

**Varietal** Pinot Noir

**Appellation** Russian River Valley

**Vineyard Designation** Thorn Ridge Ranch

**Harvest Date** September 2009

**Aging** 19 months French Oak

**Fermentation** native

**Bottling** April 4, 2011

**Residual Sugar** 0

**Tannin** Moderate

**Alcohol %** 14.5