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VINEYARDS

MONTEREY COUNTY VINTAGE 2006

## *Pinot Noir*



Crimson clover is a delight for the senses, full of color with a surprising silky texture, just like our Pinot Noir. As a cover crop, crimson helps keep the Western flower thrip well fed so it avoids the vines, naturally.



### Harvest Notes

Each year Monterey dances to a well known tune: warm, dry days punctuated each afternoon as the winds from the Pacific bring maritime influences bounding through and around the Gabilan mountain range, cooling the grapes and allowing a remarkable and distinctive well balanced acidity to show through. In this vintage a hot spell midway through the growing season set the stage for a hurried and early harvest. While the vintage was warmer than normal, there was still a nicely balanced ripening with great acids gracing the fruit.

### Winemaking

This classic offering from the Central Coast hails from well known vineyards like Jekel's Gravelstone, with a dollop of fruit from the Sonoma Coast to add complexity. The wine is fermented in stainless, and undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation in barrel to allow the natural opulence and silky texture instantly recognizable as Central Coast Pinot Noir to appear. Only French Oak with Medium to Medium-Plus Toast is used to age the wine, with 39% of the wine in new or once-used barrels, with the remainder in mostly neutral barrels. The ripeness of the fruit is evident and allowed to remain forward in a style that is sure to please.

### Tasting Notes

Fans of Pinot Noir will instantly recognize traditional aromas of bright cherry cola, cloves, dried herbs, black tea and brambly raspberry with hints of sun-dried tomato and vanilla spice. In the mouth you'll find a medium-weight wine rich with layers of complexity led by bright cherries and pleasant herbs. There's a pleasing weight to the wine and an opulent richness that will exceed your expectations, lingering just a bit until the inevitable smile appears: now this is Jekel's Monterey Pinot Noir!

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### By The Numbers

Appellation: Monterey County • Varietal Content: 100% Pinot Noir • Alcohol: 13.50%  
Total Acidity: 0/61gms/100ml • pH 3.39 • Aged nine months in French Oak • Limited release November, 2007 of 8,000 cases