

PINOTREPORT

for people passionate about western pinot noir

ISSUE NO. 54

www.pinotreport.com

RELEASE DATE: 12/30/08

PINOTREPORT

MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

"Big and rich..."

Freeman Vineyard & Winery
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Keefer Ranch
Vineyard 2006

Medium-deep ruby color; complex spice, rose and cherry aromas; rich and ripe with a core of juicy cherry fruit; spicy and sweet oak notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Big and rich, this bottling has the core of juicy fruit I find in most wines from Keefer Ranch. The 2006 seems to have bit more tannin and will reward some cellar patience. Keefer Ranch is located in the Russian River Valley roughly west of the town of Graton, on Green Valley School Road.

445 cases made \$48 Score: 95

PINOTREPORT

for people passionate about western pinot noir

Gregory S. Walter

Editor and Publisher

Michael Dotson

Patrick Mullane

Contributing Editors

PinotReport (ISSN 1539-5197) is published monthly by PinotReport LLC, PO Box 2051, Sonoma, CA 95476. All contents Copyright © 2009 PinotReport LLC. All Rights Reserved. Short passages may be quoted without permission if proper credit is given to **PinotReport**.

To Subscribe

Subscriptions to **PinotReport** are available at the rate of \$75 for one year (online) and \$125 for one year (print). To subscribe, visit www.pinotreport.com.

About Our Tastings

We taste wine in flights of usually no more than 12 wines. All tasting unless otherwise noted is done blind by the Editor.

The tasting coordinator (who does not taste) arranges and bags all wines, which are then scored and comments recorded before bags are removed. Our tastings are done under controlled, consistent conditions.

Here is **PinotReport's** 100-point scale:

96-100	SUPERIOR; it doesn't get better.
90-95	OUTSTANDING; approaching the best
86-89	ABOVE AVERAGE; a good Pinot.
80-85	AVERAGE; OK if it's all you have.
60-79	BELOW AVERAGE; not recommended.
50-59	UNDRINKABLE.