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for people passionate about western pinot noir

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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

"Rich and lush..."

Freeman Vineyard & Winery
Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Keefer Ranch
Vineyard 2007

Medium-deep ruby color; forward, complex red cherry aromas with spicy notes; rich, lush and ripe with juicy red cherry fruit; spicy and sweet oak notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, lush and juicy Pinot that has the structure to age well and the flavors to drink well now.

440 cases made \$48 Score: 94

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90-95	OUTSTANDING; approaching the best
86-89	ABOVE AVERAGE; a good Pinot.
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SMART BUY!

"Spicy and lush..."

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Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2007

Medium-deep ruby color; aromas of red cherry and cinnamon; rich and full with spicy red cherry flavors and notes of cinnamon and sweet oak; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Spicy, lush Pinot that has the silky texture that is almost a trademark of the Freeman Pinots. Delicious.

1,540 cases made \$44 Score: 94

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Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2007

Medium-deep ruby color; earthy, forest floor, black cherry aromas; big, deep, black cherry flavors with forest floor notes; nice texture; great structure and balance; long finish. Deep, earthy Pinot with complex layers of flavor. Needs some time in the glass to open up.

1,804 cases made \$44 Score: 93

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Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Akiko's Cuvee 2007

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, complex black cherry, tea and forest floor aromas; rich and complex black cherry flavors with forest floor and tea notes; sweet oak; some tannin; great structure and balance; long finish. Incredibly deep and complex with great structure for age and a very full and forward flavors that make this easy to drink right now.

440 cases made \$54 Score: 95

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