



SUACCI CARCIERE

2006 PINOT NOIR

Suacci Vineyard / Russian River Valley

The Winery

Based in the small Russian River Valley town of Sebastopol, Suacci-Carciere released its inaugural wines in 2007. These wines capture the owners' commitment to showcasing small, artisan vineyards of the cool western Sonoma County winegrowing region. Suacci-Carciere wines offer broad fruit flavors, fresh, crisp structure, and notable depth, complexity and texture. We hope you enjoy our wines as much as we enjoyed crafting them.

Grape Source: Suacci Vineyard

Suacci Vineyard is a 6.5-acre vineyard sitting on south facing slopes tucked away in the small, little-known Blucher Valley southwest of Sebastopol. An especially cool pocket of the region, there are short windows of heat in the midday, followed once again by the assertive ocean breezes that arrive like clockwork come 3:30 pm. With low yields and tiny clusters, this vineyard yields Pinot Noir with intense, layered flavors and a firm acid backbone.

Vintage Notes

The 2006 vintage began slowly, with cooler-than-normal temperatures. Rising summer temperatures culminated with a July heat spike that balanced the season's earlier, cool temperatures. Mild weather as harvest time approached allowed fruit an extended hang time on the vine, encouraging full flavor development and rich color concentration. Scattered rain showers kept growers and vineyard crews on their toes and mandated strict hand sorting before the grapes were sent off to the destemmer. Slightly lower alcohol levels and focused flavors were the hallmarks of the vintage.

Winemaking Techniques

Picked by hand on October 10th and 17th, the grapes were hand sorted and gently destemmed., then fermented in small vats with hand punch-downs conducted twice per day. A blend of native and RC 212 yeast were used to initiate fermentation. When fermentation was complete, the grapes were gently pressed into barrels. The wine rested in French oak (55% new) for 11 months before bottling.

Winemaker Notes

Benefitting from the long, cool season, this Pinot Noir is intensely flavored, with exotic flavors of black cherry, pomegranate and raspberries. Deep earth and herbal undertones punctuate on the palate. With notable power and depth on a firm acid backbone, the 2006 Suacci Vineyard Pinot Noir is an outstanding food wine.

Technical Notes

<i>Appellation:</i>	Russian River Valley
<i>Composition:</i>	100% Pinot Noir
<i>Time in Barrel:</i>	11 months
<i>Alcohol:</i>	14.1%
<i>T.A.:</i>	.7
<i>pH:</i>	3.70
<i>Cases Produced:</i>	114



Proprietors:	John D. Suacci and Andy Carciere
Winemaker:	Ryan Zepaltas