



SUACCI CARCIERE

2007 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 2006. 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 enjoy crafting them.

Grape Source: Suacci Vineyard

Suacci Vineyard is a 6.5-acre vineyard planted 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 3:30pm. With low yields and tiny clusters, this vineyard produces Pinot Noir with intense, layered flavors and a firm acid backbone.

Vintage Notes

The 2007 vintage was the third cool vintage in a row in the Russian River Valley. We were blessed with an even keeled growing season that let the fruit ripen to a complex level that we have not yet seen in past vintages. There were no major heat spikes, and we were blessed with a foggy September. At the beginning of October a few warm days helped push the fruit to its perfect ripeness level, and we were able to harvest exactly when we wanted.

Winemaking Techniques

Picked by hand on October 1st and 10th, the grapes were hand sorted and gently destemmed. The grapes were then fermented in small vats with hand punchdowns conducted twice per day. A blend of indigenous and RC 212 yeasts were used to initiate fermentation. At dryness, the grapes were gently pressed directly into barrels. The wine rested in French oak (42% new) for 11 months before bottling.

Winemaker Notes

In 2007 the fruit ripened to perfection, and we are seeing the results of a young vineyard establishing itself. The Suacci vineyard is starting to shed its baby fat and the resulting wine from the Suacci Vineyard is bolder and more complex with a nice richness while maintaining its petite, crisp stature. On the nose the wine displays the hallmark Suacci flavors: herbs, pomegranate, raspberry and earth, but the mouthfeel is lush and powerful. It should be a great hearty dish match, or a great wine to be enjoyed on its own.



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>	.68
<i>pH:</i>	3.71
<i>Cases Produced:</i>	175

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