

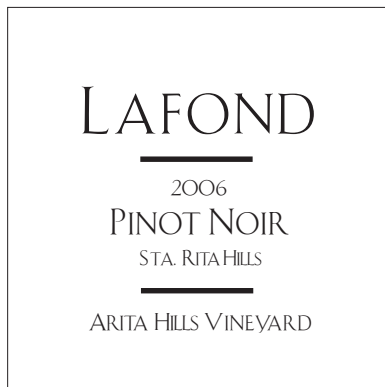


## 2006 PINOT NOIR ARITA HILLS VINEYARD

Nestled in the Santa Rita Hills of the western Santa Ynez Valley, and across Santa Rosa Road from our Lafond Vineyard, Arita Hills Vineyard is located in prime Pinot Noir country. As we continue our relationship with Arita Hills Vineyard, Winemaker Bruce McGuire will seek out specific areas within this vineyard that exhibit elevated concentration and complexity due to soil, exposure and clonal selection.

The 2006 Pinot Noir was harvested from the upper slope of the vineyard in a section where the vines tend to produce small clusters and berries due to difficult growing conditions. Bruce blended two clones, 115 and 667, a selection he felt made a full, lengthy wine. This was a lower yield year than 2005 marked by a late harvest date (2.5 weeks later than 2005 and a month later than “normal”). These young vines still show more perfumed character than the more established vines in our vineyard, but we are seeing more complexity of flavor as the vines become established. In this wine’s youth, a little “air time” via decanting will help the flavors marry. Bottle aging through 2013 will be beneficial.

The complexity and depth of flavor make this Pinot Noir a great match with savory foods such as Copper River salmon, hearty mushroom dishes and stewed meats.



### HARVEST

Dates: Sept. 27, 2006  
Vineyards: 100% Arita Hills Vineyard,  
Santa Rita Hills  
Sugar: 24.2-25.3° Brix  
Production: 283 Cases  
Suggested Retail Price: \$48.00

### WINE

Bottling date: March 28, 2008  
Barrels: 12 Burgundian barrels  
40% new oak  
Total Acid: .69  
pH: 3.38  
Alcohol: 14.7%  
Sugar: Dry