



## 2008 “Côte Est” Pinot Noir



<b>Production:</b>	351 cases
<b>Vineyard blocks:</b>	The cooler East side of our estate vineyard
<b>Clones:</b>	40% Dijon 677, 30% Dijon 115, 20% Dijon 114, 5% Dijon 777, 5% Pommard
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.9%
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Steve Ryan (Mendocino Farms, Hopland, CA)
<b>Vineyard AVA:</b>	Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The Côte Est cuvee is sourced from vineyard blocks found on the Eastern slope of our estate, remaining much cooler due to fir tree shade in the early morning and less sun exposure in the late afternoon.

**Tasting notes:** A very upfront and fragrant nose of fresh berries. On the palate, boysenberry, black cherry, marionberry, with a finish of lingering espresso, licorice, and spices.

**Notes from release in 2010:** The 2008 Côte Est is just beginning to reveal its true character, but it promises to be one of the most exciting wines we’ve ever created. The wine is ruby-purple colored with exceptional clarity. The nose has the intensity of blooming honeysuckle, and emits scents of berries and black cherries, mingled with a bit of butterscotch and licorice. On the palate, the entry is anise and licorice followed by rich boysenberry and marionberry flavors with a long lingering finish of espresso and a dash of minerality. Tasty now, but more integrated in a year; balanced - should age for years.

