



# CARMEL ROAD

2006 PINOT NOIR

ARROYO SECO "CLARK RANCH"

Carmel Road Winery is located in the heart of Monterey County where the air is crisp and the tempo is relaxed and measured. Most mornings our vineyards are shrouded in fog. Most afternoons a brisk Pacific Ocean wind blows southward along the ridge tops and benchlands of the Salinas Valley delivering fresh, cool maritime air. For years our region was considered too cold and windy to grow world-class grapes. Today, Monterey boasts some of the most highly-acclaimed AVAs in all of California.

## OUR VINEYARDS

The Clark Ranch is sheltered in the late afternoon shadows of the Santa Lucia Mountains. While most of this 1100-acre vineyard is planted to Chardonnay, there are 34 acres dedicated to Pinot Noir. Each year we produce a limited bottling of Pinot from a special, rocky, four-acre block at the heart of the ranch. It is a remarkable site that consistently yields our deepest and most compelling Pinot Noir.

## WINEMAKING

To capture the character of the Clark Ranch Vineyard we utilize a number of hands-on techniques including: cold pre-soaks, native yeast fermentations, hand punchdowns, French oak aging, and no fining or filtration. Our 2006 vintage comes from a special, rocky, four-acre block at the heart of the ranch. Richly textured with raspberry preserve, blackberry, red plum, and hints of forest floor. Full-bodied, powerful and complex with soft, velvety tannins and exceptional length on the finish.

## TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION:	100% PINOT NOIR
VINEYARD SOURCE:	100% CLARK RANCH VINEYARD
APPELLATION:	ARROYO SECO
CLONES:	2A, 115, 667, 777
BARREL AGING:	10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK (50% NEW)
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PH:	3.66
TOTAL ACIDITY:	0.55 G/100ML
BOTTLING DATE:	SEPTEMBER 2007
RELEASE DATE:	JULY 2008