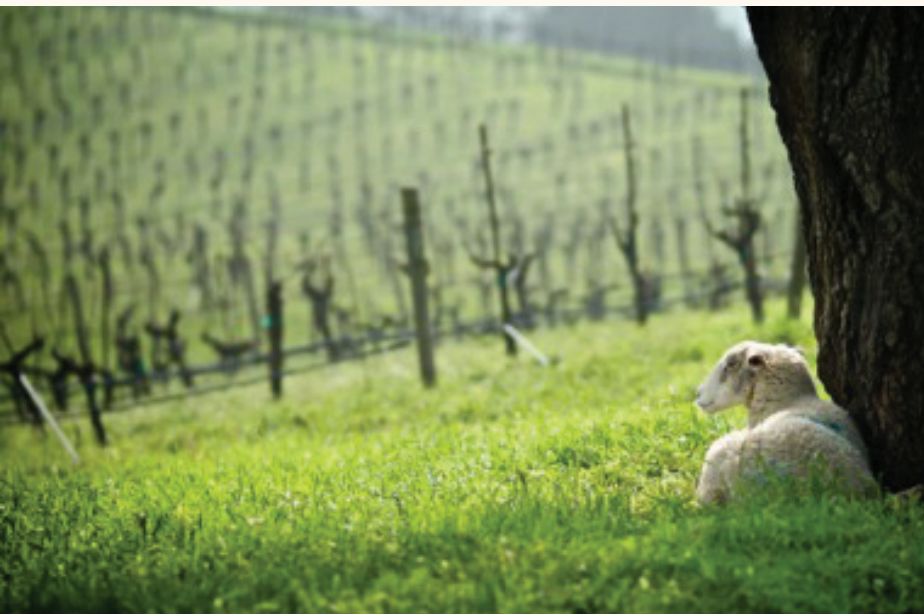


ROBERT SINSEY VINEYARDS

# THE PERFECT CIRCLE PINOT NOIRS

THREE AMIGOS VINEYARD • VANDAL VINEYARD • FOUR VINEYARDS  
LOS CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY 2007



- Demeter Certified Biodynamic Vineyards
- CCOF Certified Organic Vineyards
- RSV Owns and Farms All Vineyards
- No Purchased Fruit, RSV Planted Every Vine
- 100% Pinot Noir
- Lot by Lot Selection for Structure and Expression
- Heirloom Selections and French Clones
- 100% French Oak Barrels, 40% New for II - 14 Months

## VINEYARD PERSONALITY

Every vineyard and every growing season creates a wine with a personality born of the elements. Pinot Noir, in particular, is an impressionable, expressive variety. The character of the grape is sculpted by heat summation, modified by weather anomalies and defined by timing. It's how minutiae elucidates character that makes Pinot Noir the ideal conduit for capturing the essence of vineyard and vintage in a bottle.

RSV's Perfect Circle Pinot Noirs are a culmination of over twenty five years of working with the rhythms of nature, learning the eccentricities of the grape and discovering how the two interact with place.

## ORGANIC & BIODYNAMIC

RSV began planting vineyards in 1982 and today farms over 170 acres of CCOF certified Organic and Demeter certified Biodynamic vineyards. RSV began conversion of the vineyards in 1991 with the goal of creating resilient vines that produce expressive fruit of regional distinction. Only natural inputs go into these vineyards, many produced on site in the form of cover crops, grazing sheep and compost. RSV believes that healthy soil leads to healthy vines that, in turn, produce flavorful and nutritionally sound grapes, requiring little intervention in the winery to produce beautiful wine. This is just one aspect of the Perfect Circle.

## THE PERFECT CIRCLE

Character begins and ends with the soil. The Perfect Circle is RSV's philosophy of working with nature to close the loop, going beyond the quick fix, to find natural, holistic methods that sever dependency on, and the quick fix

mentality of, chemical farming. Conventional farming is more like mining whereas organic, and particularly Biodynamic, farming mimics nature's processes to replenish the soil through natural methods. What comes out, must go back in. This is the Perfect Circle.

The Perfect Circle is also a non-profit arm of the Robert Sinskey Foundation designed to improve our understanding of natural processes and give back to the land through grants and education.

All RSV wines with this designation will have a percentage of their proceeds donated to non-profit organizations that either educate youth about organic agriculture, preserve heirloom agricultural products, or develop sustainable farm energy programs. If all goes well, A Perfect Circle will fund an integrated farm dedicated to teaching the methods of Organic and Biodynamic farming.

## VINTAGE 2007

A particularly dry winter preceded the 2007 growing season. Moderate temperatures prevailed throughout the season for a measured harvest with beautifully developed flavors at modest levels of sugar. Even though cluster counts were slightly higher than the previous vintage, small berry and cluster size meant low yields for intense flavor and firm structure. The grapes were destemmed, leaving about 30% of the berries whole. The wine fermented in a mixture of small, open box fermenters that were hand punched and stainless steel tanks that were gently cap irrigated with a shower of wine over the skin "cap" twice per day. The wine rested for 11-14 months in 40% new French oak barrels before bottling.

-Rob Sinskey

# RSV'S PERFECT CIRCLE PINOT NOIRS



## THREE AMIGOS VINEYARD

Influenced by its proximity to the San Pablo Bay, the Three Amigos Vineyard is one of RSV's coolest vineyards. As a result, its wines harbor a bright, zingy, berry-fruit character of raspberries and cranberries. It is not a simple, one-trick pony. This vineyard, planted by RSV over 28 years ago with heirloom selections and French clones, creates a wine with layers of complexity that many consider to be the most expressive Pinot Noir produced by RSV.

## TASTING NOTES

Saturated ruby color gives way to a thin clear rim by the edge of the glass. Red fruit and forest floor aromas presage deep flavors of cherries and winter spices nestled in a luxe texture. Well-developed, fine tannins and bright acidity provide the sort of balance and structure that will allow many years, if not decades, of enjoyment. It only hints of its potential now, baring just the first bit of skin in a very slow striptease.

Barrels Produced: 36

TA: 6.3 g/l PH: 3.48 Alc: 13.6%



## VANDAL VINEYARD

In one of the best Pinot Noir vintages of recent memory, 2007, RSV selected five lots from the Vandal Vineyard that come together to express the voice of this unique site. The Vandal Vineyard straddles a ridge of land that rises out of lower Carneros to join the shoulder of Mt. Veeder. Removed a bit from the Bay, there's slightly more sunshine than lower Carneros, and soils are better drained as well.

## TASTING NOTES

The wine gleams bright with deeply saturated, yet translucent, ruby color. A sniff finds enticing red fruit aromas woven into a vast tapestry of earthy, spicy, woody complexity. A sip brings texture, not heavy, but dense, rich and supple, laden with flavors of Santa Rosa plum, earth, spice and that savory, bright and sensual long finish that clearly speaks of wellcrafted and harmonious Pinot Noir. This wine will be a joy to sit in with as it unfolds over the years.

Barrels Produced: 30

TA: 6.5 g/l PH: 3.46 Alc: 13.7%



## FOUR VINEYARDS

The Four Vineyards Pinot Noir is an expression of all that the Carneros region has to offer. Selected from individual blocks of RSV's Carneros vineyards, the wine benefits from several diverse sites ranging from the southernmost coolest vineyard with heavier clay soils, to the northernmost hilly reaches that are slightly warmer, wind protected and with well-drained, volcanic soils. Every block receives individual attention in vineyard and cellar, aiming to reveal its full potential. The Four Vineyards approach in making Pinot Noir assures that each block can be individually harvested at its peak, with optimally ripe fruit, good natural acidity, fully developed tannin and mature fruit, herb and spice flavor. Then, after the individual blocks ferment and barrel age separately for nearly a year, the most complimentary of these are blended to create the "Four Vineyards" Pinot Noir.

## TASTING NOTES

Lustrous ruby color builds intensity to the core. Beguiling aromas suggest cherries, earth, tea and spice, with a knee-weakening dose of the exotic funk that defines compelling Pinot Noir. A sip arrives densely textured and chewy as the aromas coalesce into concentrated flavors that seek balance between the savory richness of Pinot Noir and its spicy cut. This wine possesses staggering depth and substantial power, yet is still light on its feet, refreshing and bright, inspiring frequent reinvestigation.

Barrels Produced: 30

TA: 6.6 g/l PH: 3.41 Alc: 13.6%



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