



MARTINELLI
WINERY & VINEYARDS

**Lolita Ranch Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
2008**

Vineyard Character

The Lolita Ranch is located on Martinelli Road in Forestville. The property once adjoined the original Martinelli Homestead Ranch, belonging to Giuseppe & Luisa Martinelli. Giuseppe & Luisa had purchased the steep, forested landscape in the late 1800's and then later sold this particular section to a neighbor. Eventually it passed on to Bob and Lolita Young, who ran a herd of Angus and Hereford cattle on the land for many years. Lee Martinelli Jr., and his wife Pamela acquired the property in 1999, returning it back to the Martinelli estate and to the family's continuing century-long legacy of viticulture. Lee Jr. planted the steep hillside with four different grape varietals; Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Zinfandel.

Wine Statistics

The grapes are picked between 25 and 26 degrees brix to ensure mature ripe fruit flavors. After picking, the whole berries undergo a long cool fermentation to generate skin contact and expose fruit character, being fermented with wild yeast. The juice is gravity fed into small oak barrels with a touch of residual sugar remaining to complete the fermentation process in barrel until dry. It rests in 80% new French oak on its gross lees for one year. Being a particular and moody varietal to tamper with, the grapes, juice, and then wine are minimally handled. This wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized and is unfined and unfiltered.

Case Production: 501

Tasting Notes

The 2008 Lolita Ranch Pinot Noir has flavors of dark red cherry, red berries and licorice, along with aromas of wild strawberries and forest floor.

Historical Acclaim

2008 Vintage

- 92 points, Robert M. Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate
- 90 points, Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
- 91 points, The Wine Spectator

2007 Vintage

- 92 points, Robert M. Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate
- 91 points, Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
- 92 points, The Wine Spectator

Winemaker: Bryan Kvamme

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