



W. H. SMITH 2004 MARITIME VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

The Vineyards:

The 2004 Maritime Ridge Pinot Noir is the 3rd release from this vineyard, which is located just 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Given the proprietary name, Maritime Ridge by Bill and Joan Smith, this wine is composed of fruit from the Maritime and the Hellenthal Vineyards. Both these vineyards sit on ridges far above the town of Cazadero on south-facing slopes that benefit from long days of direct sun and the coastal fog that wends its way up through Marshall Creek. Both vineyards are in the Sonoma Coast Appellation.

The Wine:

The vineyards that make up the Maritime Ridge Pinot Noir yield barely more than two tons per acre bringing tremendous intensity to the finished wine. A blend of 4 different clones, it is a stunning fusion of flavors; juicy blackberries, plum and rhubarb with background notes of cedar and spice. This vintage of Maritime Vineyard shows a complex yet well proportioned balance of medium tannins, voluptuous fruit and a long finish.

Roasted lamb or duck and classic French dishes like *Cog au Vin*, or *Beef Bourgogne* are the most desirable food match with this wine.

Technical Information:

Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Composition:	100% Pinot Noir: Clones 777, 667, 115 and Pommard 3
Fermentation:	Cold soaked for 12-15 days/Natural Yeasts
Aging:	10 months in used French oak
Alcohol:	14.2%
Harvested:	August 27 - September 10, 2004
Bottled:	July 19, 2005
Production:	190 cases of 750/ml for wholesale distribution
Release Date:	March 1, 2006