



## **W. H. SMITH 2005 MARITIME VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

### **The Vineyards:**

The 2005 Maritime Ridge Pinot Noir is from a variety of carefully chosen vineyards all located just miles from the Pacific Ocean. Given the proprietary name, *Maritime Vineyard* by Bill and Joan Smith, this wine is a perfect blend of fruit from the Hellenthal Vineyard, Phelps Vineyard in Freestone, Umino and Twin Hill Vineyard in the Petaluma Gap area of the Sonoma Coast Region. Most of these vineyards sit on ridges with south-facing slopes that benefit from long days of direct sun and the coastal fog. All of these vineyards are in the Sonoma Coast Appellation.

### **The Wine:**

The vineyards that compose the Maritime Pinot Noir yield barely more than two tons per acre bringing tremendous intensity to the finished wine. A blend of several different clones, it is a stunning fusion of flavors; smoky pig fat, dark sweet ripe blackberries, plum and rhubarb with background notes of cedar and spice. This vintage of Maritime Vineyard shows a complex yet well proportioned balance of velvet tannins, voluptuous fruit and a long finish.

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

### **Technical Information:**

<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma Coast
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Pinot Noir: Clones 777, 667, 115 and Pommard 3
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Cold soaked for 6-7 days
<b>Aging:</b>	10 months in a combination of once used and new French oak
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.8%
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 1- September 15, 2005
<b>Bottled:</b>	July 11, 2006
<b>Production:</b>	280 cases of 750/ml for wholesale distribution
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 15, 2006