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2002  
ARRENDELL VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

**2002 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard** (325 cases.) From a cold sector of the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River, the extraordinary nose of kirsch liqueur, raspberries, smoked herbs, game, and Asian spices is followed by medium to full-bodied flavors with superb purity, a fascinating texture, and a 60+ second finish. A compelling example of a Burgundian-styled Pinot Noir, it is no wimpy wine at 14.8% alcohol, and yields were a minuscule 0.86 tons of fruit per acre. This 2002 Pinot should drink well for 5-6 years, but who can resist it now?

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2002  
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD  
CARNEROS  
PINOT NOIR

**2002 Pinot Noir Sevens Bench Vineyard** (243 cases). It reveals a Côte de Nuits-like earthiness with forest floor, underbrush, Allspice, plum, pomegranate, and cherry fruit characteristics. Rich, savory, well-textured, super-complex, and totally different than the Arrendell cuvée, the Sevens Bench will also drink well for 5-6 years.

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2002  
VELVET SISTERS VINEYARD  
ANDERSON VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The fresh, vigorous **2002 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters** exhibits cola, raspberry, strawberry, and floral notes along with great ripeness, medium body, tremendous purity, and wonderful fruit presence. All of these Pinots were aged in 50-60% new French oak, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Kudos to Mike Sullivan.

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2002  
SEASCAPE VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

The most backward, with the highest acid level is the **2002 Chardonnay Seascape**. From an extremely cold terroir, it possesses terrific acidity, a liquid minerality, and hints of orange zest intermixed with white peaches and honeysuckle. Produced from tiny yields (255 cases from a 5-acre vineyard), it should drink well for 4-5 years.

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2002  
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

The **2002 Chardonnay Stone Côte** offers rich aromas of lemon butter, wet rocks, pears, peaches, and honeyed grapefruit. As Mike Sullivan said, this cuvée is for Chardonnay lovers who enjoy the so-called stone fruits in their wines. Elegant, full-bodied, and rich, with fine acidity giving uplift to the aromatics and flavors, it should be consumed over the next 3-4 years.

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2002  
THREE JACKS VINEYARD  
GREEN VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

**2002 Chardonnay Three Jacks** is the most flamboyant of this trio, exhibiting more tropical fruit (pineapples, oranges, and papaya) in a full-bodied, complex, extroverted style. Pure, rich, and long, this is a beauty to drink over the next 2-3 years.

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2003  
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

**2003 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard** (a 96-year old vineyard). This is another stunning effort revealing copious quantities of boysenberry, blueberry, raspberry, and cherry fruit as well as a striking minerality. Full-bodied and fruit-driven, it is an exquisite Zinfandel to drink over the next 5-7 years. 415 cases.

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2003  
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

Dark ruby/purple-hued **2003 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard**. From a site planted in 1906, it possesses dramatic fruit in addition to a wonderful perfume of black raspberries intermixed with kirsch, loamy soil, and spice box. Deep, full-bodied, opulent, and elegant, this is another beautifully pure, flashy Zin to consume over the next 5-7 years. 464 cases.

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2003  
DINA'S VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

**2003 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard** (289 cases from a 95-year old site) boasts a deep ruby/purple color along with a sweet bouquet of raspberries, garrigue, kirsch liqueur, and Châteauneuf du Pape-like peppery licorice notes. Full-bodied, ripe, flinty, and elegant, with a French-styled personality, it, too, will drink well for 5-7 years. All of these Zinfandels possess alcohols ranging between 15.1% and 15.5%.

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2003  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

**2003 Zinfandel Russian River** (1,545 cases) is a great effort for the price. Made from various vineyards, all averaging 80 years of age, it exhibits a sexy, up-front, raspberry, blackberry, and spice box-scented perfume, huge body, a peppery component, and a large, seductive, luscious finish with no hard edges.