



Lynmar Estate spells wine success in Russian River Valley

When Lynmar Estate's cool-climate location in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley is combined with a distinguished group of winemaking and grapegrowing professionals, you have an equation that yields some of this country's greatest chardonnay and pinot noir. Those are the grape varieties indigenous to France's Burgundy region. They are tender varieties that succeed in Burgundy because of its soil and cool-climate.

SUCCESS IN RUSSIAN RIVER

Lynmar's location within the Russian River Valley is close to the Pacific Ocean. Fog creeps up the Russian River to blanket the vineyard in the morning, evaporating by noon, yielding to the sun that provides warmth to ripen grapes. This cool region provides an extended growing season and extra time for the grapes to develop flavors and textures for great wines.

Greg Adams is the viticultural professional responsible for providing winemaker Hugh Chappelle with raw materials for making his wines. Fruit is hand harvested in the cool, foggy mornings, so the flavors are preserved and not burned off in the afternoon heat.

Chappelle hand-sorts every grape bunch and applies gentle winemaking methods to coax each ounce of goodness from perfectly-grown grapes. Fermented juice is matured in French oak barrels adding delicate spices and complexities.

In addition to growing grapes and making wine, Lynmar Estate has a full-time gardener (Michael Presley) raising everything from organically-grown heirloom tomatoes and fingerling potatoes to fava beans, leeks, beets, lettuce, sage, blueberries, chamomile, celery and strawberries.

If you're planning a wine trip to Sonoma County this autumn and wish to tour the gravity flow winery and caves, the seed barn and horticulture center, greenhouse, redwood groves and organic garden, taste Hugh Chappelle's wines and eat Chef Simile's food pairings, you can make an appointment to take the Lynmar Estate Tour by calling 707.829.3374 and selecting option "4" when prompted.

WHAT TO BUY FROM LYNMAR

Recent releases of Lynmar Estate wines include Russian River Valley 2006 Chardonnay \$30 and the Russian River Valley 2006 Pinot Noir \$40. The chardonnay boasts apple and pear aromas and flavors, highlighted by lemony notes and unique minerality.

The pinot noir shows a sense of place with dark cherry and red plum aromas and flavors followed by notes of brown spice with refreshing acidity.