



# HANGTIME

## 2005 PINOT NOIR

*Edna Valley*

110 Days Hangtime

**HANGTIME** wines demonstrate the superior quality of Pinot Noir & Chardonnay from cool-climate appellations where grapes spend long periods of ‘hangtime’ ripening on the vine. A long hangtime in the vineyards contribute to concentrated flavor. Winemaking that focuses on the flavors of the grapes allows us to deliver delicious wines that express the appellation of origin.

**APPELLATION** Located in San Luis Obispo County, California, Edna Valley was approved as an American Viticultural Area (AVA) in May 1982 because of unique topography and grape-growing characteristics. Edna Valley is an east-west oriented valley that is bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the west, the San Luis mountain range to the northwest, the Santa Lucia mountain range to the northeast, and low-lying hills to the south. Maritime climate and soils consisting of clay, volcanic rock and marine deposits all contribute to distinct characteristics in the wine. The volcanic deposits come from an eroding chain of 14 ancient volcanoes in the Pacific, an extraordinary attribute of the appellation. Edna Valley’s proximity to the ocean creates a mild climate, and the growing season is typically the longest in California producing a long hangtime and flavorful, mature fruit.

**WINE DETAILS** The grapes for the 2005 **HANGTIME** Pinot Noir from Edna Valley were on the vine for a minimum of 110 days. Cool evenings and slow, steady ripening produced concentrated flavors in the grapes. Tony Coltrin, our Winemaker, cold-soaked the pinot noir grapes for 4 days prior to fermentation to extract both color and character and aged the wine for 8 months in French Oak. The cool-climate of Edna Valley and our careful winemaking resulted in a pinot noir that is intense with flavors of raspberries, red currants, nutmeg and clove. Additionally, the deep, lingering finish is clear evidence of a long hangtime.

Our pinot noir is a perfect complement, rather than a competitor, to the fine works of the Chef.