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2006 Pinot Noir, Kendric Vineyard, Marin County

With the philosophy deeply ingrained in his psyche that wine is liquid food, Gary Miller, an accomplished chef, parlayed his career in the food industry to follow his passion...winemaking. Gary has worked for such notable wine producers as La Jota, Martinelli and Robert Biale. His own brand, Miller Wine Works, is an expression of all the paths Gary's life has taken, from being raised in a rural, Western New York family to becoming a Napa Valley vintner. As a chef, Gary fully understands the necessity of integration and balance when the fruits of the land intermingle with the fruits of one's labor. Who better than a chef-winemaker to bring forth skillfully integrated, well-balanced wine?

Stewart Johnson's Kendric Vineyard is an East-Northeasterly facing vineyard, which lies equidistant between Tomales Bay and San Francisco Bay, on the very hilly topography in Northern Marin County. At about 350 feet in elevation, the 15% gradient provides adequate drainage and the rugged terrain offers protection from Westerly winds and those out of the Petaluma Gap. Fog can be prevalent, but never lasts long, and marine-layer cloud cover rarely dominates, creating an unusually warm and sunny site within an area that is generally very cool in temperature. Seven different clones of Pinot Noir thrive in loam topsoil over clay loam subsoil with sandstone and shale parent material. Vines are trellised in the vertical-shoot-position on the 8.5 acre site, and if you've ever seen Stew's work, you know why the fruit is exceptional, and the vineyard immaculate; because he simply "farms hard". We are all better for it...!

Technical Data:

Varietal content	100 % Pinot Noir
Aging	50 % new French oak for 20 months
Titratable Acidity	0.55 g / 100 ml.
pH	3.77
Alcohol	14.5 %
Release Date	March 1, 2009
Case Production	500 cases

Winemaker Notes:

The 2006 Pinot Noir, Kendric Vineyard, Marin County is our third vintage from Stew Johnson's pristine Marin vineyard. On the nose it offers initial hints of rose petals and sweet cherry, ceding to some subtle forest floor undertones and hints of orange peel. On the palate it is medium bodied with a bright, lively core supported by sour red cherry, citrus and cranberry highlights. A very well structured Pinot Noir, this wine will continue to evolve for many years to come.

Suggested Retail: \$ 40.00