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2011 Freeman Vineyard Chardonnay Ryo-fu Russian River Valley

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Pale gold. Orange zest, honeydew, white flowers and smoky lees on the intensely perfumed nose, with zesty minerality adding lift. Juicy, spice-accented orchard fruit and melon flavors are fleshed out by a note of floral honey and show very good clarity. Packs a solid punch but carries no excess fat, finishing with strong cut and persistence.

2011 Freeman Vineyard Pinot Noir Akiko's Cuvee Sonoma Coast

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Vivid ruby. Black raspberry, cherry, rose and minerals on the highly perfumed nose. Sweet, pliant and focused, with musky red fruit and floral pastille flavors enlivened by tangy minerality and Asian spices. Sweet, round and fine-grained, with silky tannins adding shape to a long, sweet, floral-dominated finish. (JR)



2011 Freeman Vineyard Pinot Noir Keefer Ranch Russian River Valley

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(50% new oak): Bright ruby-red. A sexy, heady bouquet evokes black raspberry, potpourri and cola. Silky, palate-caressing red fruit flavors are impressively fresh and pure, picking up rose pastille and allspice character with air. A tangy mineral note builds on the finish and adds energy to the seductively sweet fruit.

2011 Freeman Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

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Deep red. Sexy, spice-accented aromas and flavors of black raspberry and cherry-cola, with a rose pastille nuance gaining strength with air. Juicy and penetrating, with strong finishing cut and silky, harmonious tannins adding grip. Very approachable, especially with a little air. There was 40% new oak used here.



2011 Freeman Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast

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(made from fruit grown in 6 different vineyards): Vivid red. Highly perfumed aromas of raspberry, redcurrant, fresh rose, white pepper and allspice. Silky and seamless on the palate, offering flavors of fresh red berries, orange zest and Asian spices. An elegant, immediately appealing pinot that should be enjoyed over the next few years.

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