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### SMART BUY!

*"Very complex and deep..."*

**Dutton-Goldfield Winery**  
***Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Freestone Hill***  
***Vineyard 2000***

Medium-deep ruby purple color; spice, perfume, touch of lavender and black cherry on nose; rich and full on palate, concentrated core of black cherry fruit with generous spicy notes; long finish; deep and complex. Very complex and deep with great balance and structure.

**315 cases made      \$50      Score: 92**

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***Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Green Valley***  
***Dutton Ranch 2000***

Medium-deep ruby purple color; subtle, complex aromas of spices, black cherry and some lavender; big, rich, lush black cherry, spice and lavender flavors that go on forever; great structure and balance; long lingering finish. The depth and complexity here make this a wine to search out.

**1,700 cases made    \$35    Score: 93**

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***Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Maurice***  
***Galante Vineyard 2000***

Deep ruby purple color; subtle and closed with a touch of spice and berry on nose; big, tannic, intense blackberry and black pepper notes; toasty oak and tannin through the finish. Big style of Pinot, but well done. If you like your Pinot to taste like a big Zin or Syrah, this could be for you.

**290 cases made      \$50      Score: 87**

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***Pinot Noir Marin County Devil's Gulch Vineyard***  
**2000**

Medium ruby red color; deep and developed black cherry, plum and spicy, lavender aromas; full, rich flavors of plum, black cherry and lavender, a balanced dose of toasty oak and a long, full finish. Delightfully deep and complex without being too heavy or oaky. Lots to like in this Pinot.

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