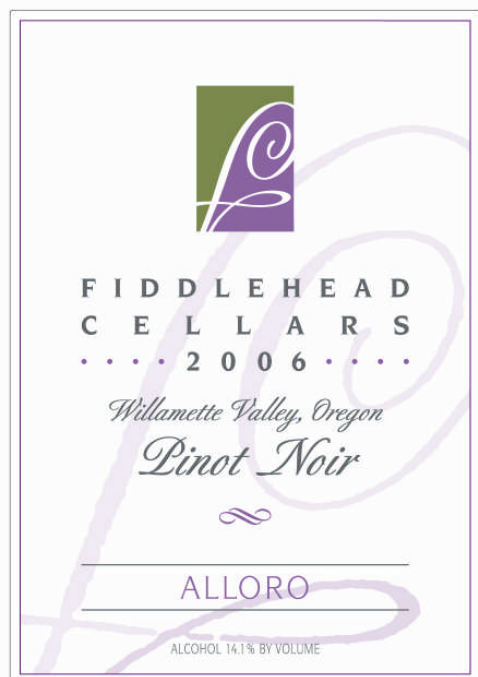


# FIDDLEHEAD CELLARS

## Willamette Valley 2006 ALLORO VINEYARD Oregon Pinot Noir



### **KATHY'S CORNER**

*My hat's off to David Nemarnick, Alloro Vineyard owner. It is a pleasure working with this farmer who nurtures the ground, the plants and the clusters and who has built flexibility into his decision making because he understands that every vintage is unique. The large potential crops of 2006 were moderated at Alloro through diligent shoot and cluster thinning, in spite of the favorable spring weather, good berry set and the relatively warmer summer and fall temperatures. After tasting every barrel in our cellar, I felt quite confident that I discovered four barrels that were distinctly spectacular. Enjoy the find!*

### **THE VINEYARDS and THE VINTAGE**

- The 70 acre Alloro Vineyard, planted in 1999, is situated on a southwest facing slope on Laurel Ridge of the Chehalem Mountains, perched at a 700 foot elevation. Its Laurelwood soil is comprised of decomposed volcanic material below a top layer of ancient sedimentary soil. Blocks of Pommard, 114 and 777 are reserved for Fiddlehead.
- The growing season started late and was relatively wet but offered great weather for flowering, setting small clusters but a large overall crop. A gorgeous summer heated dramatically in June and July, but cooled appreciably in August to ease into harvest. Late season cooler temperatures moderated our alcohols, preserved our acidity and presented a balanced wine with terrific accessibility.



### **THE WINE**

- Picked on October 7, 2006 in the early morning fog into shallow containers. Meticulously hand-sorted in the Vineyard under winemaker supervision to ensure only the highest quality fruit was retained. Transported at 40°F and vinified at our Winery in Lompoc.
- 100% de-stemmed and given a 4-day cold soak to maximize spice and mid-palate expression.
- Aged 15 months in French oak selected for its tight grain and elegant intermingling with the wine. 35% new oak is just enough to under-shadow the smoky, tobacco nuances of the terroir.
- Bright with raspberry, cherry and cedar aromas. A 4-barrel bottling selected for its concentration and good potential for aging.
- 98 cases ONLY produced.