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## THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR HKG WINES

### HOP KILN WINERY EXPANDS ITS' PRESENCE AMONG RUSSIAN RIVER ROYALTY WITH ITS' ESTATE VARIETALS, BOUTIQUE PRODUCTION AND NEW TASTING ROOM IN GLEN ELLEN

(Healdsburg, CA)- Healdsburg's West Side Road, in the Russian River Valley, is home to renowned Pinot Noir producers including Rochioli, Gary Farrell, and William Selyum. Add to that list **HKG**; the premium line from Hop Kiln Winery. HKG's recently released 2008 Estate Pinot Noir Russian River Valley took a gold medal at the 2010 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and from the World of Pinot 2010's 'Pinot by the Sea' tasting, Gregory Walter of the PinotReport.com included the wine on his 'notable list' from the large number of wines presented.

Additional varietals to be released from the winery's lush HKG estate include a Rosé of Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio in May. Two Chardonnays; a 2009 Estate Russian River Valley (500 cases) will be released in June and a small production of Russian River Valley Chardonnay from their *Six Barrel Bridge Selection* (150 cases) will be available in the fall. Savvy Pinot Noir collectors will clamor for the 3 small, limited edition Russian River Valley Estate Pinot Noirs that will be bottled in late August and available early 2011.

As blessed as HKG is to be able to grow top-quality fruit on their lush real estate, the success of their finished wines can be attributed to their fresh-faced winemaker, Chuck Mansfield. At just 26 years old, Mansfield brings terrific winemaking experience and viticulture education to HKG guiding all estate production in tandem with vineyard manager, David Smith. But for Mansfield "not much help is needed for these wines to hold their own among our sophisticated Russian River neighbors. We're in such a sweet spot from a climate perspective and this amazing soil- the vineyards can just do their thing."

In May, HKG will open a tasting room in Glen Ellen, California, offering a unique connection to HKG wines in the southern part of Sonoma County. While making the journey to Healdsburg to see the glorious Hop

Kiln Winery estate is always a special trip, wine aficionados coming from San Francisco or visiting the town of Sonoma will be able to taste and directly purchase the HKG wines without driving the 40 minutes to the property. The HKG Tasting Room will be open Thursday-Sunday 11am -6 pm, located at 13647 Arnold Drive, directly across the street from the popular Fig Café.

HKG wines are available at the winery, through the website ([www.hopkilnwinery.com](http://www.hopkilnwinery.com)) and at the new Glen Ellen tasting room. Priority for purchasing HKG's single vineyard and small production wines are offered first to members of the *HKG Collection*. Application for *HKG Collection* allocation may be downloaded from the website or by calling the winery at 707.433.6491.

**HKG Pinot Noir Recognition:**

- 2007 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley, 94 points- Justwinepoints.com
- 2006 Pinot Noir Sonoma County, 91 points -Wine Spectator
- 2006 Pinot Noir Sonoma County, 91 points- PinotReport.com
- 2004 Estate Pinot Noir- 93 points and 'Editor's Choice'- Wine Enthusiast magazine

**About Hop Kiln**

Hop Kiln Winery is committed to preserving the property's colorful past, as well as realizing the full potential of their incredible real estate. Hop Kiln Winery is located at 6050 Westside Road in Healdsburg, California. The phone number is 707.433.6491. Directions and more information can be found by visiting their website at [www.hopkilnwinery.com](http://www.hopkilnwinery.com)

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