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## **PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY PRODUCED ON HEALDSBURG'S WESTSIDE ROAD SEEK TO JOIN THE RANKS OF RUSSIAN RIVER ROYALTY**

(Healdsburg, CA)- Hoping to join the ranks of renowned neighbors like Rochioli, Gary Farrell, and William Selyum, high-born HKG, the premium line from Hop Kiln Winery, is off to a running start. HKG's maiden effort, the 2004 estate Pinot Noir, received 93 points and 'Editor's Choice' from Wine Enthusiast magazine. Their second and most recent release, 2006 Sonoma County Pinot Noir, saw a flattering 91 points from Wine Spectator's Jim Laube and 91 points from the mid-July, 2008 issue of the PinotReport. With 6 acres currently producing out of the 50 acres planted, HKG's very limited availability includes their 2007 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay (\$30) and 2007 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (\$40). HKG wines are exclusively available at the winery and through their website ([www.hopkilnwinery.com](http://www.hopkilnwinery.com)). Hop Kiln Winery is located at 6050 Westside Road in Healdsburg, CA. The phone number is 707.433.6491.

Vero Westside, owners of Hop Kiln as of 2004, are focused on "upscaling and excellence" and have begun replanting the almost 250 acres of enviable Westside Road real estate with multiple clones of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and a bit of Pinot Grigio, matching rootstock to soil type under the well-appointed eye of fresh-faced winemaker, Chuck Mansfield. At just 24 years old, Mansfield brings terrific winemaking experience and viticulture education to Hop Kiln Winery and HKG and will be guiding all future estate production in tandem with vineyard manager, David Smith.

State-of-the-art farm equipment and newly expanded crush facilities are all part of the "unwavering focus" of HKG. But not much help is needed for these wines to hold their own among sophisticated Russian River neighbors, as Mansfield says "we're in such a sweet spot from a climate perspective and this amazing soil... the vineyard can just do its thing." Look for HKG's transition to an entirely estate production by 2010.

### **About Hop Kiln**

Hop Kiln Winery is committed to preserving the property's colorful past and adventurous spirit, as well as realizing the full potential of their incredible real estate. Producing two brands – Hop Kiln and HKG – the winery's first Hop Kiln release was in 1976, and the premium line HKG debuted in 2004. The tasting room is

open year-round from 10am to 5pm daily, closed on New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Customers are encouraged to enjoy Hop Kiln's wine and readymade gourmet offerings in the beautiful picnic area. Directions and more information can be found by visiting their website at [www.hopkilnwinery.com](http://www.hopkilnwinery.com)