

## Stoller Vineyards

In 1993, Bill and Cathy Stoller purchased what had been their family's turkey farm from their cousin. The 373-acre parcel, which is located on the slopes of the Dundee Hills had been in the family since the 1940's. The conditions of the estate that made wheat, barley, & oat farming difficult (steep hillsides, rocky terrain, and low yielding soils) turned out to make it ideal for farming vineyards.

The Stollers who are also partners in the well-known Oregon winery,

Chehalem were able to tap the experience of famed Burgundian Patrice Rion and vineyard consultants Allen Holstein and Joel Myers. Collectively they chose the best lots of southerly-slope hillsides where elevations range from 300 to 600 feet to establish the vineyard. The 2008 JV Pinot highlighted in this shipment sources fruit from some of the vineyard's youngest vines resulting in a bright and delicate Pinot Noir. With only 35% new oak (the rest being neutral) this wine drinks beautifully now

and doesn't need further cellaring.



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### 2008 JV PINOT NOIR

#### WINE ADVOCATE'S TASTING NOTES

Medium-ruby colored with a bouquet of spicy red fruits. On the palate, it is medium-bodied with layers of savory red fruit, enough ripe tannin to evolve for two to three years, and excellent length. Its friendly price makes it an outstanding value in Pinot Noir.

90 points

## Kamen Estate Wines

Robert Kamen, the founder and proprietor of Kamen Estate Wines first found success as a screenwriter of such well-known films as Taps, The Karate Kid series, The Fifth Element and many more. While Robert is a city boy from New York, he fell in love with Sonoma while hiking with a friend in the Mayacamas Mountains west of the Napa County line and north of the San Pablo Bay. Prior to that hike, Robert had received his first substantial payday from Hollywood, which he used as a down payment on his 280 acre estate.

Robert's screenwriting success has grown over

the years, as has his desire to develop his estate into one of Sonoma premier Cabernet Sauvignon houses. From hiring renowned viticulturist Phil Coturri to oversee the planting of the vineyards and their organic farming (considered out of the ordinary in 1980) to engaging Mark Herold as winemaker, the founder & initial winemaker at Merus, Robert has set his estate on the path of excellence.

Kamen's vineyards are located on the southwestern slopes of Mt. Veeder at elevations ranging from 1100 to 1450 feet and just ¼ mile from Napa's

county line. Steep slopes and diverse rocky soils ensure Kamen's vines produce fruit that then produce wines with intensity and complexity. Super winemaking further elevate the wines by way of balance.



## KAMEN ESTATE 2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### WINE ADVOCATE'S TASTING NOTES

The dense purple-colored 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon reveals abundant notes of volcanic ash, burning embers, black currants and blueberries. The quality of the oak is very high, but subtle, and the wine possesses soft tannins, full body, lots of concentration and moderate tannin. Three to four years of cellaring will be beneficial and this big 2008 should age nicely for two decades.

93+ points