

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S

PLUS!

Platinum Series Selection

Riverbench Winery
2006 Estate Pinot Noir

Santa Maria Valley

1,062 Cases Produced

From mines to wines, Riverbench Winery is the remarkable transformation of a mining company turned world-class winery with estate grown Pinots and Chardonnays rivaling topnotch releases from Santa Maria County's most coveted producers. Originally planted in 1973, Riverbench Vineyard has been a fruit source for many renowned wineries in Santa Barbara County for over 30 years. Surprisingly, the rocky, gravelly soil that proved ideal for the Burgundian grape varieties also attracted a group of mining families who saw the property as a potentially successful mining site. In 2004, Union Asphalt (the biggest supplier of construction aggregates on the Central Coast at the time) purchased the Riverbench Vineyard site, and hired vineyard manager Jim Stollberg to maintain the thriving vineyard. The mining families quickly became enamored with the wine industry and started producing their own wine label using small quantities of their exceptional fruit and Riverbench Winery was ultimately born. Chuck Ortman joined the team as consulting winemaker and released the anticipated inaugural vintage in 2006. Met with immediate rave reviews, it's become quite clear that the reputation of the vines will carry through to the new namesake winery and its limited production wines.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Named **One of the Top Wineries in the World** by the *Professional Wine Buyers Competition*, Riverbench Winery has been profiled as a world-class producer of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The 2006 Estate Pinot Noir is among the first releases from the winery, and being awarded the **Chairman's Best of Class Award** from the *Long Beach Grand Cru Wine Competition* makes this wine an excellent precedent for what's yet to come. The vivid burgundy color intrigues as it splashes into the glass, while the lush aromas of red fruit are full of enticement. Sumptuous flavors of strawberries and mulberries coat the palate, but the wine remains light; it perfectly complements an herbed tomato pie or spicy Thai risotto with calamari. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy now until 2012.

REORDERS

2006 Estate Pinot Noir

Winery Direct: \$34.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:

2-Bottle Members: \$29.50 /bottle

4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$28.00 /bottle

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.
(plus shipping)

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