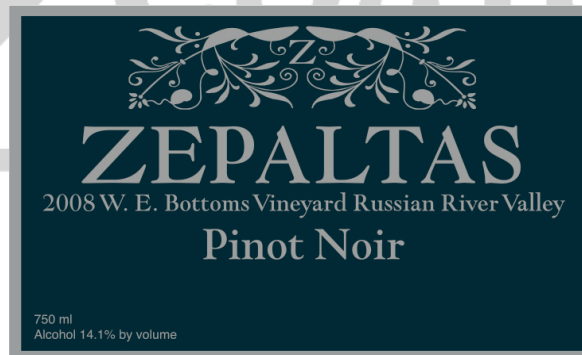


Zepaltas Wines
2008 W.E. Bottoms Vineyard
Russian River Valley
Pinot Noir

Located among the Redwood trees in the hills above Occidental, CA is the W.E. Bottoms Vineyard. I feel that we achieved our most dense and powerful vintage to date.

On the nose the aromatics are screaming out of the glass with scents of black cherry, herbs and forest floor backed with tobacco and blackberry flavors. We used 33% new French oak to give the wine just a bit of oak spice, and enhance the fruit characteristics. The finish is layered and powerful due to the assertive tannins. If there were a wine that harnesses what is best about California Pinot Noir, and still displays notes of classic Pinot this would be my best effort. This wine should age very nicely in my opinion, but seems quite accessible now as long as there is a good meal to go with it.



Vyd Location: Dupont Road Occidental, CA
33% new French oak
11 months in barrel
3.7 pH
.6 TA
14.1% Alc.
72 cases made
\$45/bottle retail

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Zepaltas".

Ryan Zepaltas winemaker