

Healdsburg, California Moshin Vineyards

RICK MOSHIN, a former San Jose State University math instructor, made prudent use of his math skills to design a four-tier gravity flow winery for small-lot wine production at Moshin Vineyards. Acquiring a vineyard was a dream that became a reality for him in 1989 when he and his family decided to purchase a 10-acre Pinot Noir vineyard in Sonoma County.

Rick's fascination with fermentation began with home-made beer, but he soon turned his attention to wine. His goal for producing Pinot Noir of the highest quality inspired him to teach himself how to farm his grapes while other family members learned useful winery management and marketing skills to help grow this endeavor into a full-fledged winery.

"I sold wine between teaching math classes and traveled to France to get a better understanding of how to capture the lovely elegance and finesse that emanates from Burgundy," Rick says.

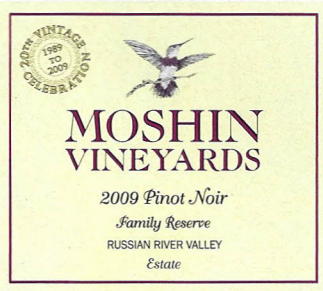
As a result, Moshin Vineyards pays special

attention to Old World techniques. Respect for the environment is a Moshin family value and it is enthusiastically practiced in the vineyard. Through the use of sustainable farming methods and gentle handling, grapes retain their true flavors with the goal of becoming wines that express the heart of the vine.

Even after the grapes are picked, Rick doesn't try to control the elements. His gravity flow design allows the grapes to move down four tiers gently, from crush at the top of the winery to fermentation, settling, barreling, and finally to bottling. This process helps maintain the delicate nuances of Pinot Noir, which is Moshin Vineyards' signature varietal.

Other hand-crafted wines include Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Zinfandel, and a handful of delectable dessert wines.

Although he has retired from teaching, Rick's equation for gentle winemaking using sustainable farming and minimally invasive handling adds up quite nicely in every bottle of Moshin Vineyards wine. 🌿



WHAT TO BUY

'09 Russian River Valley Chardonnay Bright flavors of crisp pears, pineapple, hazelnuts, creamy finish \$28

'09 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Full, round and rich cherries, cola, currants, spice, vanilla \$38

'08 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel Alluring aromatics, blackberry, vanilla, baking spice, licorice \$30

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TASTING

Tasting Room Open Daily 11-4:30
10295 Westside Road
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SPECIAL NOTES

Private tours by appointment, sustainable farming practices, winemaker on site, wine club discounts, owner on site

1. Rick Moshin **2.** A hummingbird greets wine lovers at the gate and on each wine label **3.** The amiable tasting room is a great place to sample wines and learn about the winery's gravity flow system

