



2009
777 CLONES
Russian River Valley
P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

With the overwhelming success of our Pommard Clones, we have decided to continue down this "clonal" path with this Pinot Noir consisting of only that delicious clone, 777.

This wine is made from grapes harvested out of several of our favorite vineyards; the Leras Family Vineyard, Peters Vineyard, Nunes Vineyards, Windsor Oaks, Vin Noy and Saralee's Vineyard. Having all these vineyards blended together allows us to create a complete, full-bodied wine out of only one clone. Each vineyard provides an element of flavor that makes this one of the best wines we have ever produced.

As with all of our Pinot Noir, we cold-soaked the grapes for three to four days and then introduced select yeasts. Once fermentation began, we hand-punched the must in open-top fermenters at least four times a day to keep the temperature and oxygen at the right levels for the yeast to remain active. Once fermentation was over, the wine was gently pressed and aged for 11 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Medium-deep ruby color; intense red cherry and spicy aromas; ripe, bright red cherry flavors with layered spice notes; silky texture; sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Intense and spicy Pinot with layers of great flavor. Best 2012 through 2019.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Appellation: Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates: Aug-27-Sept 24, 2009
Brix at Harvest: 23.1°-24.9°

Alcohol: 14.0%

T.A.: 0.598/100ml

pH: 3.69

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in
Francois Frères
French oak,
80% new, 20% 1 and
2 year old

Bottled: August 12, 2010

Production: 470 cases 750 ml

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