

2010

777 CLONES

Russian River Valley

PINOT NOIR

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.

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WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept 15—30, 2010

Brix at Harvest: 23.1°

Alcohol: 13.6%

T.A.: 0.618/100ml

pH: 3.8

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11months in

François Frères French oak,

80% new, 20% 1 and

2 year old

Bottled: August 11, 2011

Production: 520 cases 750 ml

TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet in color. Fragrant floral, rose petal, raspberry and vanilla aromas draw you in with their lively mix. The Royal Ann cherry flavors embrace the lively acidity and toasty vanillin essence. A lovely, long finish reveals hints of ripe cherry, chalk and minerals. Like the Energizer Bunny, the finish just keeps going on and on and on and well, you get the picture. Drink now through 2020.

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