

2010

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

<u>Russian River Valley</u> PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Leras Family Vineyard, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road, is planted with Pommard clones that are approximately 13 years old, as well as newer vine clones 115, 667 and 777. This vineyard embodies earthiness and minerals, the signature of Pinot Noir grown in the Russian River Valley.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we handpunch each fermenter, sometimes as often as five or six time a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Frères French oak barrels, and then age for 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet in color. A very seductive nose of ripe blackberry and black stone fruit with hints of orange peel and a mineral essence. On the palate, black fruit, plum, cardamom and anise leads to a very bright, clean, long and juicy fruit-driven finish. The velvety tannins will allow this wine to age well. Best from 2013 through 2020.

Ben R. Capapiello

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept.15-20 —

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Brix at Harvest: 23.2°

Alcohol: 13.6.%

T.A.: 0.618g/100ml

pH: 3.79

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1 & 2-year-old

Bottled: August 11, 2011

Production: 980 cases 750 ml

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