

2010

NUNES VINEYARD

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located on the last of Russian River Valley's alluvial bench with its silty clay loam soil, Nunes Vineyard provides us perfectly ripened grapes vintage after vintage. The valley's renowned fog is a natural cooling system influencing from two directions, the Pacific Ocean from the west, and San Francisco Bay from the south, the perfect condition for a long cool growing season. Fred and Wendy Nunes combine a passion for growing Pinot Noir with a comprehensive knowledge of their vineyard and the science that drives it. Between Mother Nature and the Nunes', this vineyard has all the components we need to produce stellar Pinot Noir that speaks from the vineyard.

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 hand-punch 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

Medium-deep ruby color; rich, bright black cherry and berry aromas; complex and spicy flavors that are loaded wit berry and cherry; silky texture; sweet oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Bright and spicy Pinot with flavors that just jump out of the glass.

Ben R. Capapions

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept.14-15, 2010

Brix at Harvest: 23.1°

Alcohol: 14.%

T.A.: 0.573g/100ml

pH: 3.73

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1 & 2-year-old

Bottled: August 18, 2011

Production: 570 cases 750 ml

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