

2011

777 CLONES

Russian River Valley

## **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, Vin Noy and Bucher Vineyards. 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 22—Oct 1, 2011

**Brix at Harvest: 23.3°** 

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**T.A.:** 0.641g/100ml

**pH**: 3.88

**Residual Sugar:** Dry

**Cooperage:** 10 months in

François Frères French oak, 70% new,

30% 1 & 2-year-old

**Bottled:** August 16, 2012

**Production:** 528 cases / 750ml

16c / 1.5L

## **TASTING NOTES**

This wine starts with a beautiful deep ruby red color and follows with an intense nose of red fruit, especially cherry, complemented by subtle toast notes. The medium bodied wine delivers refreshing acidity in the form of clean red fruit flavors of cherry and rhubarb with mineral notes that lead to a deeply satisfying finish. This wine is great now and will only improve with age. Drink now through 2021.

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