

2011

NUNES VINEYARD

Russian River Valley
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.

Ben R. Capapiello

TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby in color, this broad, lush wine starts with a clean, sweet red-fruit nose. The cherry and toast aromas set up an impressive palate of black cherry, cola and blackberry flavors. Fruit-driven in the best sense of the word. Drink now through 2021.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept 21—26, 2011

Brix at Harvest: 22.9°

Alcohol: 14.%

T.A.: 0.577g/100ml

pH: 3.65

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 10 months in

François Frères French oak, 60% new,

40% 1 & 2-year-old

Bottled: August 10, 2012

Production: 593 cases / 750ml

16c / 1.5L

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