

2011

POMMARD CLONES

Russian River Valley

PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're doing it again! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one consistently shines as one of the best wines we produce. The 2011 vintage continues the tradition and won't disappoint you.

After tasting the Pommard Clones from two of our vineyards, the Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road in Russian River Valley and the Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, we knew they were special. Each had the best characteristics of the Pommard Clone; deep flavors with rich mouth feel, and vibrant flavors unique to each site. While at first blending them was an experiment, we were so pleased with the results that we cherry-pick the best barrels from each lot and bottle them.

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 12 months in Francois Frères oak barrels.

Ben R. Capapielos

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sep12-Oct 2 2011

Brix at Harvest: 23.7°

Alcohol: 13.5%

T.A.: 0.653g/100ml

pH: 3.78

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 10 months in

François Frères French oak, 80% new, 20% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 16, 2012

Production: 405 cases 750 ml

16 cases 1.5L

TASTING NOTES

A deep ruby garnet color makes this wine delightful to look at. Its nose invited you in with deep red fruit with a top note of raspberry and earth. On the palate it rewards you with a complex flavor profile rounded out by ripe raspberry. Its long finish and mouthwatering broad mouthfeel will make you glad you accepted the invitation. Drink now through 2021.

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