

2011

Russian River Valley
PINOT NOIR

## **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards in this appellation: Leras Family Vineyards, Peters Vineyard, Nunes Vineyard, Bucher Vineyard, and Vin Noy vineyard. Each vineyard holds its own distinction; and we feel that the fruit is among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

During the fermentation and aging process, we keep each vineyard/clone separated, cold-soaking the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. We hand-punch to closely control the temperature, sometimes as often as five or six times a day, and age in Francois Frères barrels for 11 months before bottling.

BenR. Capapieho

Salute!

## **TASTING NOTES**

Our classic blend of Pinot Noir is medium ruby in color and has a bright nose of raspberry and strawberry with earth and toast. On the palate it has a lively mouthfeel with excellent acidity that makes this especially good paired with food. The flavors are of strawberry, rhubarb pie with cranberry and spice notes appearing towards the finish. This wine has great structure and will continue to age well and surprise and delight you each time you open a new bottle over the coming years. Drink now through 2021.

## **WINE PROFILE**

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation**: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept. 12—Oct 2, 2011

**Brix at Harvest:** 22.9°

**Alcohol:** 13.25%

**T.A.:** 0.642g/100ml

**pH**: 3.75

**Residual Sugar:** Dry

**Cooperage:** 10 months in

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

**Bottled:** August 16, 2011

**Production:** 922 cases 750 ml

16 cases 1.5L

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