

2012

777 CLONES

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

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 19—Oct 12, 2012

Brix at Harvest: 24.4°

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.548g/100ml

pH: 3.84

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 10 months in

François Frères French

oak, 75% new, 25% 1 year-old

Bottled: August 9, 2013

Production: 625 cases / 750ml

16c / 1.5L

TASTING NOTES

This ruby colored wine with an effusive fruit-driven nose of cherry and raspberry with subtle toasty notes. Once on the palate there is great structure and clean flavors of bing cherry, raspberry and strawberry. The long finish is supported by fine tannins and refreshing acidity. Drink now through 2022.

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