

2012

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Leras Family Vineyard, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road, is planted with Pommard clones that are approximately 13 years old, as well as newer vine clones 115, 667 and 777. This vineyard embodies earthiness and minerals, the signature of Pinot Noir grown in the Russian River Valley.

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 handpunch 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. Capapiero

TASTING NOTES

This beautiful ruby colored wine has bright aromas of cherry, strawberry and cola. With great structure, refreshing acidity and a complex blend of cherry, strawberry, cola and earth, this perennial favorite does not disappoint. Well-integrated oak provides a subtle, sweet toastiness that lasts through the long finish.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept 17—25, 2012

Brix at Harvest: 23.2°

Alcohol: 13.9%

T.A.: 0.571g/100ml

pH: 3.81

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 10 months in

François Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1 & 2-year-old

Bottled: August 15, 2013

Production: 1,243 cases / 750ml

16c / 1.5L

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