



PAPAPIETRO
PERRY

2013

POMMARD CLONES

Russian River Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're still doing it! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one consistently shines as one of the best wines we produce.

Our Pommard Clones, which was the first clone growing in the Russian River Valley, release comes from a variety of vineyards in the Russian River Valley, including Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road, Bucher Vineyards on Westside Road and Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, and they are always special. Each has the great 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 each year from each lot and bottle them.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone and vineyard 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, up to four times 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 at least 11 months before bottling.

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TASTING NOTES

Elegant ruby hues complement the delicate nose of sweet, creamy toasted oak. The first sip reveals strawberry and cherry flavors with underlying purple fruit notes eager to show themselves. With a great mouthfeel, this very well structured medium-bodied wine offers clean acid and a lush overall balance. This wine will benefit from a little more time in the bottle, so be patient if you can!

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 13, 2013

Alcohol: 13.9%

T.A.: .58g/100ml

pH: 3.8

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in François Frères French oak, 80% new, 20% 1 year-old

Bottled: August 29, 2014

Production: 575 cases / 750ml
16c / 1.5L

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