

2013

Russian River Valley
PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards in this appellation: We include Leras Family Vineyards, Peters Vineyard, Nunes Vineyard, Bucher Vineyard, Vin Noy vineyard as well as others that we may want to try. We add new vineyards to this blend to see if they'll fit our flavor profile and become a vineyard designate in future vintages. Each vineyard holds its own distinction; and we feel that the fruit is among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

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 Fréres French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

Ben R. Supapiero

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby in color, with a complex nose of sweet red fruit and fresh herb. On the palate, clean raspberry and strawberry flavors with a hint of tea abound. Bright acid lifts the wine nicely to result in a medium weight mouthfeel with compelling body. This is a very drinkable wine that lends itself to food pairing and relaxed sipping alike.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 29, 2013

Alcohol: 13.5%

T.A.: .56g/100ml

pH: 3.8

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 40% new, 40% 1 year-old, 20% 2 year-old

Bottled: August 29, 2014

Production: 1,145 cases / 750ml

16c / 1.5L

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