

2014

777 CLONES

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

## **WINE PROFILE**

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation**: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 21, 2014

**Alcohol:** 13.6%

**T.A.:** .61g/100ml

**pH**: 3.2

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 70% new,

30% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 10, 2015

Production: 603 cases / 750ml

16c / 1.5L

## **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

What started out as an experiment, has turned into a permanent part of our program due to the overwhelming popularity. The 777 Clones continues to amaze and delight each year.

This wine is made from grapes harvested from a number of our favorite vineyards, giving us flavors from five different soils and micro climates. All these vineyards blended together allow us to create a complete, full-bodied wine from just one clone. Each vineyard provides an element of flavor that makes this one of the best wines we produce.

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.

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## **TASTING NOTES**

Beautiful garnet color with aromas of cherry, red raspberry, spice and warm subtle vanilla notes. On the palate, flavors are of concentrated red and blue fruit, with a core of cherry and dark raspberry with purple violet floral notes. Medium bodied with prominent acidity that lifts the flavors.

## **Papapietro Perry Winery**

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