

2015

Nunes vineyards

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located on the last of Russian River Valley's alluvial bench with its silty clay loam soil, Nunes Vineyard provides us perfectly ripened 115, 667, 777 clonal grapes vintage after vintage. The valley's renowned fog is a natural cooling system influencing from two directions, the Pacific Ocean from the West, and San Francisco Bay from the South, the perfect condition for a long cool growing season. Fred and Wendy Nunes combine a passion for growing Pinot Noir with a comprehensive knowledge of their vineyard and the science that drives it. Between Mother nature and the Nunes', this vineyard has all the components we need to produce stellar Pinot Noir that speaks from the vineyard.

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. Capapieho

TASTING NOTES

This year's Nunes is everything we like about this wine year after year, but in a more concentrated package. After a few swirls in the glass, this dark red wine starts with inviting deep dark fruit and bramble aromas, then moves on to enticing raspberry and pomegranate notes as the wine opens. On the palate there is concentrated, brooding fruit with black raspberry, cranberry and wild bramble notes. This is a taut, elegant mouthful of wine with great mouthfeel. Plenty of refreshing acidity and fine grain tannins finish this medium body wine. It's ready to drink now, but would reward those willing to wait a beat or two.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 2015

Alcohol: 13.1%

T.A.: 6.5 g/l

pH: 3.64

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 2016

Production: 620 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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