



PAPAPIETRO  
PERRY

2015

*Russian River Valley*  
P I N O T N O I R

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards from this appellation. We include these vineyards— Leras Family, Peters, Nunes, Bucher, and Van Noy 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 Frères French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

*Ben R. Papapietro*

### TASTING NOTES

We love our blends and the 2015 Russian River Valley is a great example of how good a blend can be. This garnet colored wine has a vibrant nose of juicy red fruit and spice. On the palate, concentrated red fruits with focused red cherry flavors on the attack, meld with refreshing pomegranate and fresh plum flavors as the wine opens. This is an impressively balanced wine, with perhaps a bit more flesh and concentration at this stage than other vintages. The refreshing acidity and soft tannins - a common trait for 2015 – deliver the flavors with polish and elegance. Great to sip on its own or perfect for some salmon and/or mushrooms.

### WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 2015
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.8%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.6 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.7
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 1/3 new 1/3 1 year-old 1/3 2 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 2016
<b>Production:</b>	448 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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