



## 2013 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

**Varietal Blend:**  
100% Pinot Noir (INRA clones 777, 115 and Pommard).

**SITE:**

This wine is grown along the Russian River on the East Side Bench in alluvial soils resting atop deep gravel beds that assure nutrient richness and excellent drainage. Our world class Pinot Noir vineyards neighbor with the like of William-Selym and Rochioli Vineyards.

**TECHNIQUE:**

The fruit is handpicked in the early morning to insure that clean, sound grapes arrive at the winery in perfect condition and temperature. The grapes are crushed into stainless steel tanks and the must is held "cold" for 24 – 48 hours. It is then inoculated with selected strains of wine yeast and pumped over regularly to aid in the extraction of color and tannin. After pressing, the wine is settled and then racked off the gross lees into selected French oak barrels for ageing on the "fine" lees for 9 months. It is then racked out of the barrels just prior to bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:**

A delicate Pinot Noir with cranberry, pomegranate and a slight dusty, floral note on the nose. Leads to a soft entry on the palette, followed by flavors of boysenberry, plum and leather, supported by subtle and well integrated oak. This wine lingers at the finish with velvety tannins.

**PRODUCTION:**

2007 Cases

**WINEMAKER:**

Bill Parker

**ALCOHOL:**

13.1%

**ACCOLADES:**

DOUBLE GOLD Medal 96 Points San Francisco International Wine Competition  
Critics GOLD 91 Points 2015 Critics Challenge