



2014 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 rich Pinot Noir with strawberry, plum, and subtle nutty cocoa notes on the nose. Bright acidity balances bold raspberry and boysenberry to create a medium weight mouthfeel on the palate. The lively acidity carries the fruit through a medium long finish with a balanced tannin structure. Versatile enough to drink on its own or paired with your favorite dish. Drink now or cellar for up to 5 years.

PRODUCTION:

545 Cases

WINEMAKER:

Bill Parker

ALCOHOL:

13.1%