



2012 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

HARVEST DATE:	September 4 - October 8 2012
BARREL AGING:	10 Months
BARREL COMPOSITION:	100% French Oak 20% New
BOTTLED:	July 25, 2013
CASE PRODUCTIO N:	1283
WINE STATS:	pH - 3.63 TA - 5.7 g/L Alc: 13.4%

Tasting Notes

NOSE:

Dark red cherry, blackberry and plum, give way to licorice, dried red pepper and cloves

PALATE:

Medium-bodied and with deep wild berries, cranberry, and pomegranate. Notes of spice and a hint of earth give way to deep round tannins and a long finish.

Vineyard Insights

The Russian River Valley is a large and diverse appellation. Each neighborhood shows itself in a different way.

The warmth of the Middle Reach gives us the higher toned fruits and wines of structure.

Wine from grapes grown in Sebastapol Hills, which are cooled by the Pacific Ocean via the Petaluma Wind Gap, are leaner and earthier.

The Laguna Ridge provides a lush mid palate, and wine from grapes grown in the Santa Rosa Plain shows more tannin, and helps to form the backbone of the wine.

In creating our Russian River Pinot Noir, we source from a number of vineyard sites throughout the appellation. Each site represents a unique expression of Russian River Valley terroir. We choose these vineyards to create a wine that exemplifies the classic character of Russian River Pinot Noir: elegant, luscious and velvety.

Vintage Notes

After several challenging vintages, we were elated to experience the 2012 season in Northern California. It was nearly ideal. Budbreak occurred in early March as expected and we had great early season vine growth and abundant fruit set. The fruit ripened slowly and evenly during the relatively mild spring and summer conditions. This led to stunning concentration and luscious fruit character. The clusters benefitted from an extended hang time on the vine. The additional time to mature allowed the grapes to retain their naturally juicy acidity and fresh aromas and flavors. Vineyards were pruned to two clusters per shoot. As harvest approached these clusters ballooned in size. In some cases they were more than twice their normal size. When this happens without the help of irrigation or rain, it's a sure sign of healthy vines and quality fruit.



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