

2014 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2014 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir exhibits dark cherry and cinnamon spice at its core. Faded rose, nutmeg and allspice complement the subtle notes of porcini and Oolong tea. Tightly wound on the palate at first, the wine expands out onto the mid-palate to deliver some wonderfully refreshing red fruits, citrus, and tea-like tannins. With its polish and grace, this wine exemplifies the beauty and power of a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. It can be enjoyed in its youth or cellared for 3-6 years.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from our Drake Estate Vineyard, our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard, and the Bacigalupi Vineyard.

HARVEST 2014

After two stellar vintages, 2014 completes the trifecta of high quality growing seasons where the wines exhibit purity of place with generous fruit and elegant textures. The season began as one of the driest winters on record with only 40% of normal rainfall by mid-season. April rains replenished the soil's moisture profile to re-invigorate the plants, boost growth, and help set a bountiful crop. The harvest season was near perfect with warm temperatures allowing for a leisurely picking schedule. 2014 is a superb vintage of compelling nature and will develop well with long range cellaring.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 45% new, 55% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.57

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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