



Martin Ray

VINEYARDS AND WINERY



100% Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Brix at Harvest 24.6°
pH 3.65
Total Acidity 5.5 g/L
Alcohol 14.1%
June 2014 Release

2013 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

THE VINEYARDS

Carefully chosen from various vineyards throughout the Russian River Valley, this wine's largest component is grown only feet from the river itself in our long-sourced Foppiano Vineyard. With a strong base from this vineyard, the wine is focused with fruit from a few select vineyards around our home on Laguna Road and throughout the Green Valley appellation.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2013 vintage was a winemaker's dream harvest. A mild spring with little rain, and a warm summer with cool nights and no heat spikes, created a perfect growing season for the grapes. Fruit quality was stellar across the board with clean, well developed flavors and fully ripe fruit with good acids. It was one of the fastest harvests in years with overall tonnage up in most varieties.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The vineyards that comprise this blend were fermented separately in small open-top fermenters with gentle punch-downs. The fermentations were carefully maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, when the must was basket-pressed then pumped into barrels for completion of malolactic fermentation. Lots were aged for eleven months in new premium French oak barrels, along with more nuanced 1-2 year old barrels.

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir maintains the expectations of what saavy consumers have come to look forward to from the Russian River Valley. The nose has notes of bright red cranberries, bing cherries and wild raspberries, softened by a suggestion of sweet cream. French oak barrels lend support with hints of creamy vanilla and toffee. The finish lingers, inviting you for another sip.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Pair this vibrant, silky Pinot Noir with mustard crusted salmon with roasted scallions.