

# Martin Ray

VINEYARDS & WINERY

LIMITED RELEASE

## 2014 GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR



100% Pinot Noir  
Green Valley of Russian River Valley  
Brix at Harvest 24.5°  
pH 3.60  
Total Acidity 6.0 g/L  
Alcohol 14.2%  
May 2016 Release

### THE VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced primarily from the Tina Marie Vineyard in the heart of Green Valley. From this immaculate, south-facing, gently sloping vineyard we pick a combination of Dijon clones, reputed for producing some of the most sought after wine from the appellation. The delicate nature of the Tina Marie fruit is boosted by the more substantial and brawny fruit from Marty's Vineyard of Dutton Ranch which lies slightly to the south.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2014 vintage was challenging due to drought, but produced amazing fruit with smaller clusters and lower yields. An ideal harvest with consistently moderate temperatures and weather conditions, allowed the vines and fruit to stay healthy and maintain concentrated flavors and exceptional quality.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Reserve Green Valley Pinot Noir was harvested early in the cool mornings of September. Both lots are treated similarly in small lot stainless steel fermenters using punch-downs to manage the caps. The different clones are layered in tanks as they're crushed to ensure the distinct characteristics are well-integrated. The must is then gently basket pressed and put to barrel for 12 months in 50% new French oak, specifically chosen to provide a seamless integration by boosting the fruit's natural beauty.

### TASTING NOTES

In its third vintage as part of our Reserve Pinot Noir collection, the Green Valley maintains its position as a favorite among our winemakers and customers. The fruit driven bouquet is elegantly layered with bright, tart cranberry, deep red cherry and boysenberry with a hint of jasmine blossom and subtle nuances of baking spices, vanilla, and toffee. The juicy palate and fine, silky tannins create a flawless carry-through from beginning to end.

### FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Pair this Pinot Noir with grilled pork chop with balsamic glazed peaches.