



Martin Ray

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

RESERVE



2013 GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

THE VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced primarily from the Tina Marie Vineyard in the heart of Green Valley. This south-facing, gently sloping vineyard offers a combination of clones, and 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 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

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 fruit is then gently basket pressed and put to barrel for 12 months in 50% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES

The Green Valley Pinot is outstanding in its offering of subtle, but distinctly layered dark red cherries, candied cranberries, boysenberry and pomegranate. Well-integrated nuances of toffee, vanilla, and very light hints of sagebrush and leather complete the profile. The hallmark of this wine, and of the Green Valley as a Pinot Noir region, is its fine silky tannins that balance the acidity with density throughout the mid-palate and its clean delicate finish.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

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

100% Pinot Noir
Green Valley of Russian River
Brix at Harvest 24.4°
pH 3.64
Total Acidity 5.4 g/L
Alcohol 14.1%
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