

APPELLATION WINES

2014 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Shaped in every way by this namesake river

VINEYARD DETAILS

Sourced from a variety of special vineyards:

Castaldi, Gantz, Giusti, Jenkins, Keefer Estate, Koplen, Laguna Valdez, Lucky Well, Martinelli Moonshine, and Zio Tony.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest	August 22 – October 1, 2014
Fermentation	5-ton open tops, wood and concrete too / 5 day cold soak / 14 day average ferment / 2% whole cluster
Oak	44% new French oak / 15 months
Alcohol	14.3%
PH	3.52
Titrateable Acidity	5.9 g/L
Bottling Date	December 15 – 18, 2015

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Rainier cherries, black raspberry, rose petals. Potpourri and floral notes.

Mouth: Cherries and rose hips, pomegranate and sun drenched raspberries, broadly textured and lasting.

FACTS OF NOTE

FERMENTATION
**Concrete &
wood
open top**

SMALL LOTS
**87 micro
lots went into
this wine**

FERMENTATION
**Whole
cluster 2%**

There are many differences between vineyards in this small appellation but the majority of them do share a common influence – the cooling effect that follows the Russian River inland from the Pacific coast. This fog helps keep nights cool and offers vines a respite from daytime temperatures. In turn, these diurnal temperature swings slow down ripening and promote more evolved flavors in our grapes. We work with vineyards that span a diverse and varied view into a region that many would call the heartland of California Pinot Noir. Our goal is to create a wine that showcases the essence of this magical appellation.

Over the years, we've been fortunate to work with many great vineyards. The selection that contribute to this wine all come from growers that surround our Sebastopol home. There is often a recognizably full mouthfeel and texture to the wines from the area - a common thread to the components of this blend and a feature we are drawn to every vintage.

