

Signature Russian River Pinot Noir



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The Signature Pinot Noir is a vineyard-driven wine made unique by its soil. Grown from a small four-acre Russian River Valley parcel that we've had the privilege of sourcing since 2003, its Goldridge soil is ideally suited for Pinot Noir - its depth and composition yields high quality fruit without irrigation, allowing us to dry farm the site. The vineyard's gently sloping southeastern exposure combined with the 35+ year vine age yield poised, complex and age-worthy Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Opened by an expressive bouquet of florals and baking spice, 2013 Signature Pinot Noir reveals classic varietal characteristics of lively red fruits; red raspberry and tart cherry enhanced by cinnamon spice, black tea and vanilla. 35+ year vine maturity lend complexity and depth of flavor on the palate; tangy quince, strawberry jam, savory herbs and minerality abound on its graceful, well-defined frame. Inclusion of whole clusters in the fermentation enhances aromatics, structure and aging potential, while fine tea-like tannins and bright acidity accentuate its long and lasting finish.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, 2013 Signature Pinot Noir was hand-harvested into small 28lb. baskets and hand sorted, then pressed with 15% whole clusters. Primary fermentation began in traditional open top tanks, a technique that accentuates the fruit component yet also encourages spicy aromatics. Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel. The wine was aged for 15 months in new François Frères burgundy cooperage, medium and medium plus toast. Barrel lots were racked prior to bottling. Signature Pinot Noir is unfiltered and unfiltered.

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY 845 cases
PRICE \$65.00

