

Signature Russian River Pinot Noir



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Signature Pinot Noir is a vineyard-driven wine grown from a small four-acre parcel in one of the most cherished micro-regions in the Russian River Valley. We've had the privilege of sourcing from this unique site since 2003. Ideally suited for Pinot Noir, the predominant soil type is Goldridge, derived from an ancient inland sea that slowly emptied into the Pacific Ocean. Its excellent drainage and low soil fertility allow us to create a balanced vineyard ecosystem yielding exceptional, high quality fruit without irrigation, supporting our endeavor 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

2014 Signature Pinot Noir conveys the elegance of its legendary Russian River terroir. Delicate floral aromatics rise from the glass, revealing lavender, sandalwood and orange peel laced with dark cherry, wild strawberry and cinnamon spice. The palate boasts complex and well-integrated layers of fresh red berries, a snap of tart cherry and savory notes of smoked bacon, herbs and hints of spice. A softly contoured wine, the mouthfeel is complex, concentrated and supported by fine, ripe tannins and a lengthy, persistent finish that will reward the patient collector.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, 2014 Signature Pinot Noir was hand-harvested into small 28 lb. 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 was 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 unfinned and unfiltered.

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY 895 cases
PRICE \$65.00

