

TERRA VALENTINE



2012 RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR

Vintage:

The return to normal vintage of 2012 came at the perfect time in the Russian River Valley. We had just finished five vintages in a row of small crops, and 2011 was by far the smallest. The world was ready for more Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, and the perfect weather in 2012 made this possible. From the spring right through the late harvest, everything went right with the vintage.

Vineyard:

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is sourced from three premium vineyards that bring their unique character into this blend. From Freestone, Green Valley, and Olivet Lane, we source Clone 115 and Pommard Clone pinot noir. The cooler Freestone vineyard brings bright acidity and dark structure. The Green Valley site offers a rich and round mid-palate and the Olivet Lane vineyard offers ripe round forward fruit.

Tasting:

Raspberry, strawberry jam and violets with sandalwood, clove and vanilla aromas. Bright round red fruit on the palate with soft juicy tannins.

Composition:

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates:

October 19, 2012

Vinification:

Cold soaked 48 hours, Extended maceration, free-run drained off after 10 days total contact.

Barrel Regime:

18 months in French oak - 44% new

Bottling:

580 cases

Retail:

\$48.00 - 750ml

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