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VARIETAL CONTENT:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL LEVEL: 14.6%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.07G/100ML

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 0.55G/100ML

PH: 3.69

REGIONAL NOTES

The Russian River Valley is one of California's most celebrated sources of world class Pinot Noir. The maritime influence of this cool-climate region brings fog through the river valley to blanket the vineyards each day. Warm days and cool nights encourage distinct varietal characteristics to develop in the Pinot Noir grapes here.

VITICULTURE NOTES

A significant portion of the grapes for this Pinot Noir came from Laguna Ranch Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, with the balance hailing from Del Rio Vineyard. The 2012 vintage in the Russian River Valley was phenomenal. A mild growing season with minimal rainfall provided the ideal conditions for even ripening. This outstanding vintage has produced wines of intense color, stunning flavor concentration and excellent balance.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The majority of the grapes in this blend came from Laguna Ranch, specifically Block L07 for its boysenberry and lavender notes. Blocks R04 and R02 at Del Rio Ranch gave this wine its dark fruit flavors and impressive structure. The grapes were hand-harvested and cooled over night to protect the delicate berries during destemming. All of the lots were cold soaked for up to five days and then fermented individually. The free-run lots that exhibited a plush, silky texture were selected for this Pinot Noir. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel, and the wine was aged for 8 months in a mix of new, second- and third-use French barrels from coopers Dargaud et Jaeglé, Le Grand, Leroi, François Frères and Treuil Tonnellerie de Brive. The wine remained in contact with the lees during aging to impart a rounder, richer mouthfeel.

TASTE PROFILE

A blend of the finest lots from our premier Russian River Valley vineyards, our MacMurray Ranch 2012 Russian River Valley Reserve Pinot Noir shows the depth and versatility of this extraordinary region. As a young wine, this Pinot Noir shows dark fruit flavors. With time, it will soften to reveal a plush, silky palate of pomegranates, cherries, boysenberry and lavender. Oak aging gave this wine hints of vanilla, baking spices, toast and pepper.