



Castelli

2012

**Estate Pinot Noir
Green Valley
Russian River Valley**

Every so often everything aligns in the growing season and the results exceed all expectations. 2012 was such a year; very long cool growing season with no heat spikes, no disease pressure, large crop fully matured. We harvested our Pinot almost a full month later than usual without any signs of over ripeness.

The resulting wine is a classic Russian River Pinot – Great clarity of fruit, with a rich underlying earthiness, this wine has a long life ahead. Layers of pomegranate and blueberry mingled with mineral and spice evolve with each sip. Silky on the palate, with a long slightly peppery finish. A balance of fruit, tannin and acidity allows this wine to pair well with food in addition to drinking beautifully on its own.

Cases Produced: 112

Technical Information:

Harvest Date: 9/25/2012

Brix: 24

pH: 3.3

Fermentation: Half-ton open bins. 3 day lag time. 1-3 manual punchdowns/day.

Pressing Date: 10/4/2012.

Aged in neutral Francois Freres barrels.

Bottling Date: 10/19/2015. No fining or filtering

Final alcohol: 14.01 %

Final ph: 3.6

Final TA: .626 g/100mL

Total SO₂: 70 mg/L

Glucose + Fructose: 6mg/100mL