



Castelli

2013

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

After the amazing 2012 growing season most growers were not expecting another stellar vintage. Most things in nature go in cycle so we were fearing either some quality problems or lower quantities. But 2013 matched (some would argue exceeded) the quality of 2012 with pretty similar yields.

Long cool growing season with negligible heat spikes, no disease pressure, good sized crop fully matured. We harvested our Pinot almost mid September, earlier than 2012 but later than average.

The wine is a classic Russian River Pinot, with aromas of raspberry and blueberry and just a hint of butterscotch, all mingled with mineral and spice. The season has produced a vintage with plenty of natural acidity and structure and a long life ahead. It is silky on the palate, with notes of raspberry, blueberry and pomegranate. A balance of fruit, tannin and acidity allows this wine to pair well with food in addition to drinking beautifully on its own. A long finish is topped off with a slight spicy pepperiness at the end.

Cases Produced: 196

Technical Information:

Harvest Date: 9/10/2013

Brix: 24.5

pH: 3.3

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

Pressing Date: 9/24/2013.

Aged in neutral Francois Freres barrels.

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

Final alcohol: 14.2 %

Final ph: 3.6

Final TA: .628 g/100mL

Total SO₂: 80 mg/L

Glucose + Fructose: 8mg/100mL