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VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original

2012 PENNACCHIO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



Appellation

Russian River Valley

Harvest Date

10/6/2012

Alcohol

15% by volume

pH

3.80

Titrateable Acidity

5.49 g/L

Aged in Oak

100%

~33% New~

Origin of Oak

French & Hungarian

Months in Barrel

15

Production

300 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

The Pennacchio Vineyard is located in the southern hills of the Russian River Valley, south of the town of Sebastopol. The vineyard is planted with a single Pinot noir selection - Clone 115 - on Saint George rootstock. This unusual pairing of clone and rootstock contributes to a more robust growth, delayed ripening and larger clusters. The fruit from this vineyard is the very definition of our focus on terroir.

The 2012 vintage is being described as "excellent," "outstanding" and "ideal" by many, as the wine grape harvest across California yielded generous amounts of high quality fruit. In our vineyards, textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until our treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Hand-picked at optimal ripeness on October 6th, the berries were de-stemmed and punched down by hand in wooden vats. Basket pressed directly to barrel, the wine finished its fermentation upon its lees before being racked and aged for 14 months in French and Hungarian oak, 33% new.

TASTING NOTES

The Pennacchio Vineyard Pinot Noir is always a big, intense Pinot Noir with concentrated, dark fruit flavors. Black cherries and plums are accented with notes of dried rose petals and wet stone. A full-bodied Pinot Noir, this wine will pair well with wild game or glazed duck.

Jean Charles Boisset

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Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker

