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VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



2013 SWICEGOOD VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

In the Vineyard

In the western hills of the Russian River Valley, the small Green Valley appellation is one of Sonoma County's coolest regions. Evening fog blankets push over from the Pacific Ocean to temper the warm summer days. These optimal conditions extend the growing season, encouraging flavor concentration in the berries while mineral rich soils infuse the fruit with nuanced flavors.

The 2013 vintage across the Russian River Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring lead to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

Conversations with the Winemaker

The Swicegood Vineyard is planted along a ridge top and slope facing to the South West in the Green Valley. While it has long been the backbone to our Green Valley Pinot Noir, starting with the 2008 vintage we saw a distinctly different personality start to emerge from a small section of the vineyard. The majority of the vineyard is planted to clone 115 along the top of the ridge, whereas the cool, steep western-facing slope of the vineyard is planted to clone 777. The western slope has always struggled in comparison to the top, with very low yields but incredibly concentrated fruit and spice aromatics.

Tasting Notes

This enticing Pinot Noir offers powerful aromas of ripe raspberry, blackberry and sassafras with a touch of pepper. With the first sip, our 2013 Swicegood Vineyard Pinot Noir presents red cherry and a bright acidity balanced with tobacco leaves and hazelnut. With a wide, silky mouthfeel and lingering finish, this wine is made to enjoy now and would make an excellent companion to grilled salmon or a seared duck breast with a blackcurrant glaze.

Appellation:
Green Valley of Russian River
Valley

Harvest Date:
9/25-9/30

Alcohol:
14.5%

pH:
3.62

Titrateable Acidity:
5.73

Aged in Oak:
100%

20% New Oak

Origin of Oak:
French

Months in Barrel:
15

Cases Produced:
200



Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker