

VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage in the Russian River Valley was stunning. The growing season was typified by warm temperate days and cool nights. The near perfect vintage allowed for the fruit to see long hang time and for our winemaking team to pick without any concern of inclement weather. This made for full and voluptuous flavors in the grapes and our winemaking team harvested at the pinnacle of the fruit's ripeness. The fruit retained its outstanding quality as it arrived at the winery and fermentation began.

TERROIR

The Russian River Valley was forged by the collisions between the North American and Pacific tectonic plates. These actions and reactions opened volcanic vents that dumped volcanic ash over layers of eroded bedrock. Millennia of flooding throughout the Russian River Valley floodplain have added layers of diverse alluvial soils throughout the valley. There are two cooling influences pulled in off of Bodega Bay and a northern wind off of the Petaluma Gap.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Calista Russian River Valley Pinot Noir shows a brilliant garnet red color. Baking spices like clove and cardamom arise in harmony with voluptuous black cherry and plum notes. An underlying roasted hazelnut tone carries through to the mouth where more stunning fruit, a hallmark of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, awakes ones palate with lush blackberry, cola and cassis. Chewy black fruit establishes a long and complex finish.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

TA: .56

pH: 3.68

Alcohol: 14.8%

Case Production: 1,031

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