

PINOT NOIR



2011 Russian River Valley Leras Family Vineyard

Bouquet - dark fruit, pepper spice, rosehip tea.
Palate - racy, red fruit reminiscent of "Fraises de bois", loamy, forest floor flavors, bright acidity and a supple mouth feel that epitomizes classic pinot noir. Fresh layers of rich dark fruit and berry flavors are interwoven with sweet oak and earthy tannins resulting in a delicately balanced complex wine - great to enjoy by itself or with a light meal. All of our wines can be enjoyed now but we recommend decanting for 1 hour prior to serving.

VINEYARD

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vines: 20 years average, pioneer soil, irrigated

Clones: Dijon 828, 667, 777, Pommard

Yield: 3 tons per acre average

Harvest Date: September 18, 2011

Cases produced: 172

Winemaker: Dan Fitzgerald

Brix at Harvest: 24°

T.A.: .64g/100ml

pH: 3.65

Alcohol 14.2%

Cooperage: 11 months French Oak, 33% new

Bottled: August 2012

Release Date: October 2013

750ml

At Chloe Creek Vineyards, our mission is to create distinctive, limited-production Pinot Noirs that showcase the true expression and complexity of the vineyard.

Because world-class wine begins in world-class vineyards, our grapes are harvested only from the best Sonoma County Appellation vineyards. Each wine is produced in small lots and reflects the unique character of the particular vineyard. Each Chloe Creek Pinot is coaxed along with minimal intervention and crafted to produce wines of distinction and balance.

Leras Family Vineyard is owned and farmed by Nick Leras whose family members are pioneer grape growers in the Russian River Valley, having farmed wine grapes in this area since 1918. With impeccable standards, Nick personally tends to his grapes and performs all aspects of grape growing. Both Nick Leras and Dan Fitzgerald bring passion and talent to grape growing and wine making capturing the magical essence of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. The Leras Family Vineyard has produced numerous 95 rated Pinot Noirs from this vineyard.

Gold Medal Pinot Shootout

93 Rating - Terry Robards

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