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Wine Cellars



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## 2012 PINOT NOIR

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**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 186 cases**  
**Alcohol: 14.1%**

#### **The Vintage:**

There is very little to say about this dream vintage that has not been said. This textbook vintage couldn't have come out any better if drawn up on a blackboard ahead of time. A warm spring for set and a warm summer sans the requisite excessive heat, even ripening all the way to late September/mid-October made for a combination of high yields (even after multiple passes of dropping fruit) and yes yielding high quality, powerful wines. This vintage eschews the notion of better wines coming from lower yields.

#### **Winemaker's Notes:**

Initial nuances of mushroom/forest floor give way to red raspberry, pomegranate and peppercorn with a little O2 upon pulling the cork, which seems to gush forth on the palate to mingle with allspice, coriander seed and sumac in the mid-pallet. The cascade of savory spice, smoke and mineral notes are obvious as the wine finishes to an elegant counterpoint of suppleness and yet firmness that elevates the wine to another level. Expect this grand-opera style of Pinot Noir to increase in weight and assertiveness over the next few years.

#### **Technical Notes:**

Bottled: January 10, 2014  
Yield: 2.74 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.54g/L  
pH: 3.51  
Alcohol: 14.1%

#### **Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Sexton Vineyard  
*Dijon Clone: 113, 114, 115*

#### **Aging:**

Seventeen months in 60 gallon  
French oak barrels: 50% new;  
100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

#### **Harvest:**

September 11th at 24.8 degree brix

#### **Release Date:**

September 1, 2014

#### **Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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