

2013 'RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY' PINOT NOIR

Release Date:	April 20, 2015
Harvest:	September 28 th and October 2 nd , at 24.8 degree brix average
Grape Source:	Freestone - <i>Clones: Dijon 113,115,667</i> Yellow Rock – <i>Bud wood: Romanée-Conti</i>
Cases Produced:	350
Malolactic Fermentation:	100%
Aging	Fifteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new from Tonnellerie Sirugue
Technical Notes:	Bottled: December 15 th , 2014 Yield: 3.2 ton/acre average Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L pH: 3.48 Alcohol: 14.1%
The Vintage:	The 2013 crop was once again another large one. Not quite as large as the previous, due to grower anticipation this year's vines were in perfect vine vigor/fruit balance. All phases of the growing season were strait forward. Sounds boring but boring winegrowing equates to excellent wine. Even the ripening season was uneventful, other than a little harmless rain in September. Harvests generally in recent years seem to be more compact and this one started the second week of September and lasted just 30 days. A 30-day harvest would normally create overload difficulties in the winery but since Chasseur production has been decreasing significantly every grape received full attention. The resulting wines are stylistically the antithesis of the 2012's, which were tightly wound early on and needed time to open up. The 2013's are very forward, open, aromatic and ready for drink.
Winemaker's Notes:	A deep ruby to purple color, the youthful exuberance jumps from the glass with very little coaxing even with the chill from the cellar and only grows with time. Firm yet fleshy, silky notes of pomegranate and stone/mineral start out in the mouth. Followed by a coiled strengthening nuance of red raspberry and black cherry. Even with the full, fat mouth and dark fruit notes the finish is bright and zesty.

