

## NAPA VALLEY

## **Pinot Noir** Tina Marie Vineyard Russian River Valley 2014

| Harvest Dates:     | September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014   |
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| Grape Source:      | 100% Tina Marie Vineyard<br>Green Valley AVA of the Russian River Valley |
| Clonal Blend:      | 51% 115, 28% 667, and 21% 777.   |
| Aging:<br>Alcohol: | 10 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new 13.1%                            |
| Yeast:             | RC212 and indigenous   |
| Production:        | 27 Barrels   |
| Release Date:      | September 2015   |
| Winemaker:         | David Tate   |

**Vineyard Notes**: The fruit for this Pinot is sourced from three different blocks from within the Tina Marie Vineyard of Green Valley within the Russian River Valley. The distinctive gold-ridge limestone soil and coastal influence make it ideal for Pinot Noir. 2014 was the third warm year we had in a row. This accelerated berry development to one of the earliest picks we've ever had for all three clones, all three being picked on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Winemaker Notes**: All three clones were individually cold soaked for 5 to 6 days in small open top fermenters. After the cooling was shut off all three clones started fermenting on their own, providing an additional level of complexity. As the indeginous yeast slowed all three were inoculated with RC212, a Burgundian yeast strain. . Gentle restricted pump overs occurred for an average of 8-10 days. After draining and pressing the wine was allowed to sit on its lees for 3 months in barrel and closely monitored for any changes in flavor profile, allowing for more layered complexity in flavor.

## **Tasting Notes:**

Versus previous years the 2014 Tina Marie is lighter in color with more of a deep ruby core vs dark purple, however the aromatics are much more pronounced. Fresh blueberries, light plum, cherry blossom as well as cinnamon stick and white pepper are all prominent on the nose. The wine is soft and silky with more pomegranate and gravel minerality on the palate. The tannins are soft and elegant, with very balanced acidity. The finish is long and of bright cherry. This is a beautiful wine that can be enjoyed in it youth but would benefit from 5-6 years in the cellar (2020-2021).