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Appellation
Green Valley
Russian River
Valley

Vineyard
100%
Ruxton Vineyard

Alcohol
13.1 %

pH
3.61

Titrateable Acidity
6.1 g/L

Barrel Aging
11 months
100% French Oak
40 % New Oak

Cases Produced
119

Suggested Retail
\$45



2013 Ruxton Vineyard Pinot Noir

Winemaking Philosophy

We are committed to low input winemaking utilizing uninoculated primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation. This process is much slower and more time consuming but produces wine lush on the palate with seamless flavors. Low input winemaking also includes gravity flow movements of wine, minimal acid adjustments, minimal SO2 additions, racking only once in barrel, no fining and no filtering when possible.

Vineyards

The Ruxton Vineyard is located at the western edge of the Green Valley Appellation overlooking the Santa Rosa Plain with the Mayacamma Mountains as a back drop. This east facing vineyard gets plenty of sun with it's elevation on the ridge line, usually above the fog. The Gold Ridge soil and moderate slope keep yields down and quality up. Dijon Clones 667, 777, and 115 are planted in this two acre block. The wines from this vineyard have black fruits, baking spices, and mushroom earthiness, with rich texture.

Winemaking

The grapes were field sorted prior to picking, then run through a shaker table to remove any debris, and then hand sorted prior to destemming. The Vineyard was picked August 31st, always our first pinot vineyard to come in. The must was fermented using the native yeast on the grapes with two to three punch downs per day. The fermentation lasted nine days and was preceded by a four-day cold soak. The must was gently pressed to tank and settled overnight, then barreled down the next day, this is the last time the wine is pumped. After the Malolactic fermentation was complete on January 2nd SO2 was added and the wine was left to rest for the remaining time in barrel. The wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels and bottled in late August 2014.

Winemakers Notes

This medium dark wine with brilliant color shows blackberry, cherry, grape, and cocoa, with sage and pine in the nose. A medium body wine with flavors of black berry, grape tootsie pop, with spice and sage. The wine has good acid and structure with a long clean finish.