

MARTIN RAY WINERY

2011

Pinot Noir

RUSSIAN RIVER
VALLEY

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

RELEASE DATES

November 2012

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.9

pH

3.59

ALCOHOL

13.9%

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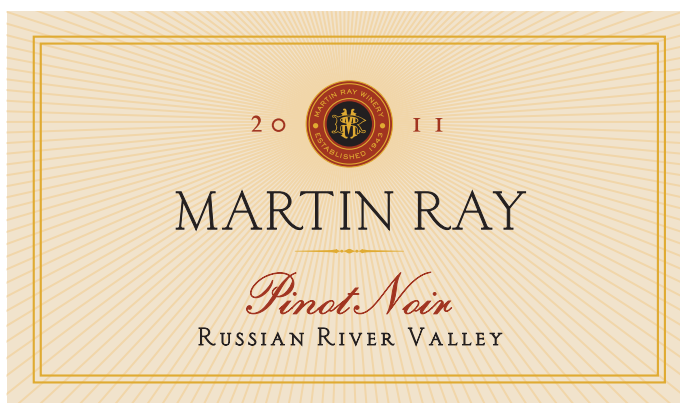
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Great wine lights a fire in the soul.

—MARTIN RAY

THE VINEYARDS The grapes for our 2011 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir come from selected vineyards in the acclaimed cool-climate Russian River Valley wine region. These vineyards produce grapes of exceptional quality with bright flavors and beautiful color. Grapes harvested from the rolling hills of the Russian River Valley offer a wide range of flavors and fruit characteristics, due to the maritime-influenced microclimates created by the valley landscape.

VINTAGE NOTES The 2011 harvest was a year of gradual ripening and longer than usual hang times for all varietals due to the unseasonable weather. Pinot Noir from 2011 is lighter in body and structure than the 2010 vintage wines, but the 2011 vintage yielded wines that are pure and supple. This vintage also produced low alcohol percentages, nice acid balance and low crop yields which led to concentrated, intensely flavored berries.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir was cold soaked and fermented at moderate temperatures, resulting in the extraction of bright fruit flavors, without harsh tannins. It was then aged for 8 months in French oak barrels, approximately 35% of which were new oak.

TASTING NOTES This Pinot Noir has bright cherry-cola, rose petal, vanilla and spice aromas, which lead into a delicate, silky mouthful of consistent flavors.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING Pair our Pinot Noir with grilled salmon, mushroom risotto or creamy butternut squash soup.