

Olet'te Pinot Noir by Alan Viader

2014 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir "Red Label"

Our Olet'te Red Label Pinot Noir defines the character of Russian River Valley terroir while also reflecting the versatility of the region. Russian River Valley's morning fog and cool coastal breezes create ideal growing conditions for cool-climate varietals like our Pinot Noir.

Tasting Notes Bright nose of cherry and plum lead the way to plush berry flavors, cocoa and spice aromas. Toasty vanilla oak rounds out the bouquet. Cherry and plum fruit flavors offer a balanced and elegant finish. This very approachable wine offers soft tannins and gentle oak midpalate, with a silky lingering finish.

Vinification

The wine was fermented in open topped stainless steel tanks, with daily punch downs for color and flavor extraction. After fermentation the wine was pressed to barrel for aging in French oak (30% new).

Location

The grapes from this wine come from three well known Russian River Valley vineyards including Passalaqua.

Conditions

The 2012 growing season was just about perfect, both in yield and quality. A mild winter and spring without frost led to a warm but not extreme summer. An ideal fall allowed flavors to develop at relatively low sugar levels. The resulting wines are precocious yet very nicely balanced.

Production 250 cases

Food Pairings This rich and complex Pinot Noir is especially delicious with salmon -