



RAMEY

Pinot Noir

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Site	47% from Westside Farms, 39% from Bucher Vineyard and 14% from Keller Estate
Soil	Arbuckle gravelly loam and Yolo loam alluvial soils
Clonal Selection	Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend of Dijon clones 115, 777 and 828 (the La Tache selection) and two heritage selections, Pommard and Swan.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2014 was another classic vintage. A mild winter and spring caused an early bud break followed by consistent temperatures throughout the summer promoting even ripening. We had ample hang time which in turn yielded distinct varietal character with a smooth, rich texture.
Harvest Date	August 30 th (Westside Farms, Bucher & Keller) & September 4 th (Keller)
Brix	24.2° average

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Fermentation	Tank fermented with native-yeast and native malolactic fermentation in barrel.
Aging	As traditionally practiced in Burgundy, we used an anaerobic approach to preserving the freshness and fruit characteristics of our Pinot Noir. It was aged <i>sur lies</i> with monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> and spent thirteen months in 30% new French barrels (François Frères & Demptos) and neutral barrels that were previously used for Chardonnay. This wine was lightly fined with egg whites and bottled without filtration.
Cases Alcohol	960 14.5%
Release Date SRP	March 2016 \$50

“Our first Russian River Valley Pinot Noir strikes a fine balance between rich, unctuous styles and leaner, coastal styles. It is at once both elegant and delicious.” – David Ramey
