



2012 Pinot Noir Bucher Vineyard – Russian River Valley Sonoma County

Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher for Bucher Farms. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. The 35 acres of land, with 14 blocks of wine grapes, are owned by John and his parents, and farmed by John for Bucher Farms. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2012 final blend comes from three blocks in the vineyard. The backbone of the blend comes from the Saddle Block (Swan clone). The Pommard clone from the Tory's Block has always produced excellent fruit, and the 2012 vintage was true to form. We also sourced fruit from the Pear Tree Block (667) to add complexity and spice to the blend.

Tasting Notes: A complex and silky bouquet of raspberry, cola, and juicy black cherry. Layered flavors of black and red cherries, cola, baking spices, black tea, and forest floor. The lingering finish laced with cherry tantalizes you for more.

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vintage	2012
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard
Block / Clones	Saddle Block / Swan Tory's Block / Pommard Pear Tree Block / 667
Harvest Date	September 3-15, 2012
Brix	24.5° (average)
Barrel Aging	11 months in French oak
Cooperage	40% in new French oak barrels— François Frères & Valluarine, 60% 1-3 year French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 23, 2013
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.7
T.A.	.060g/100mL
Release Date	March 1, 2014
Production	338 cases

