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2011 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

TASTING NOTES

The Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend sourced from seven vineyards throughout the Russian River Valley. The unique sites chosen for this blend each contribute distinct layers of complexity to the aromatics, flavors and textures of the finished wine. On the nose, the wine leads with notes of red raspberry and ripe cherry. Spices like cinnamon and nutmeg also mingle with the fruit bouquet. The flavors on the palate are balanced and pure, and reinforcing the aromas, there are characteristics like ripe cherry, raspberry, black currant and cola. The wine's crisp acidity adds a refreshing quality to the lingering finish. Enjoy this wine now or over the next 4 - 5 years.

PHILOSOPHY

Arista Winery was founded by the McWilliams family with a mission to create the most elegant expression of Pinot Noir. Arista sources grapes from small, responsibly-farmed vineyard "gems" and works closely with these growers who share our dedication to sustainability in their vineyards. This combination of minimal intervention and gentle yet meticulous coaxing in the vineyards and in the cellar have resulted in wines with rich, deep flavors that reflect the unique sites from which the grapes are sourced. Produced in small lots of several barrels, the wines are deliciously balanced with fruit, tannins, acidity and oak in harmonious proportion.

The Russian River Valley blend represents the unique characteristics of the appellation that set it apart from other growing regions. This wine is defined by its rich weight and texture and by the dark fruit profile commonly associated with the Russian River Valley.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard Source: 100% Russian River Valley

Barrel Program: 20% new, 20% 1 year, 60% 2-3 year

TA: .57g/100ml

pH: 3.72

RS: .01 g/100ml

Alc: 14.6

Released: Winter 2013 Cases Produced: 484