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2011 FERRINGTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR ANDERSON VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The first thing one notices with the 2011 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir is the color: a beautiful garnet core is framed by a thin margin of mahogany. And while the wine is pleasing to the eye, the nose is equally gratified with aromas of bright red cherry, just-ripe red raspberries, wild strawberries, and dried herbs. A pleasant note of tar and wet asphalt adds a layer of complexity and depth to the wine. On the palate, fruit and soil qualities are married beautifully, which speaks to the cool growing conditions in the superb Anderson Valley site. One of the prettiest wines in the Arista line-up, this Pinot Noir boasts lifted acids and a firm framework of tannin. We recommend aging this wine for 5-7 years.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Ferrington Vineyard, one of California's most acclaimed Pinot Noir Vineyards, sells to eight wineries and is tucked away just off Highway 128 in Booneville, a small town in the heart of the Anderson Valley. Though 25 acres of the vineyard is planted to multiple clones of Pinot Noir, we have selected a block in the vineyard that was planted to the Pommard clone because of its proven legacy in this cold climate appellation. Pommard is one of the oldest Pinot Noir clones found in California and is favored by many winemakers for its ability to produce outstanding wines without the help of other blending clones. It is respected for its reliable color, intense fruit, and fragrant spice components. The vineyard has a gentle south-facing slope, and has decomposed sandstone and clay soils with three to four feet of topsoil. This vineyard was originally planted in the late 1960s although some of the 25 acres of Pinot Noir vines were planted in 1998 and some more recently.

TECHNICAL DATA

Vineyard Source: 100% Ferrington Vineyard, Anderson Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Barrel Program: 40% new, 40% 1 year, 20% 2 year

TA: .58g/100ml

pH: 3.58

RS: .01 g/100ml

Alc: 14.6%

Harvest dates: September 24th, 2011

Released: Fall 2013

Cases Produced: 235