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2011 U.V. LUCKY WELL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The Lucky Well Pinot Noir boasts a classic Russian River Valley nose of ripe raspberries, Forrest floor, and juniper. On the palate, the wine exhibits notes of wild berry compote, grenadine, and preserved black cherries. With time in the glass, the bouquet evolves into baking spice, black truffle, and carne asada. A stout backbone of acid supports the wine though a persistent, 45-second finish. This wine shows impressive density for the vintage. We recommend aging this wine for 5-7 years.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Lucky Well vineyard sits atop a knoll on the western edge of the Sebastopol hills outside of the towns of Graton and Sebastopol. The area is home to some of the most highly acclaimed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards in the Russian River Valley due in large part to the perfect confluence of soil, climate, and elevation. The vineyard is in an area often referred to as the “banana belt” of the Russian River Valley because, though on the very coolest, foggiest, and western edge of the appellation, it sits on a knoll that rises above the fog line. This feature exposes the fruit to more gentle sunlight, which allows very slow and even ripening across the entire growing season. Our 4-acre section was planted in 2008 to Pommard, Swan, and Calera clones of Pinot Noir.

TECHNICAL DATA

Vineyard Source: 100% Lucky Well Vineyard, Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Barrel Program: 50% new, 25% 1 year, 25% 2 year

TA: .60g/100ml

pH: 3.45

RS: .01 g/100ml

Alc: 13.5%

Harvest dates: October 7, 2011

Released: Spring 2013

Cases Produced: 98