



**2014 ENROUTE
NORTHERN SPY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Cases Produced: 210

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Release Date: November 2016

Harvest Date: September 30, 2014

Alcohol Level: 14.5%

Fermentation: 4-6 ton open-top tanks

First Vintage: 2013

Skin Contact: 15 days

Winemaker: Andrew Delos

Aging: 15 months in French oak barrels
(40% new / 60% neutral)

Director of Winemaking: Dirk Hampson

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Northern Spy Vineyard's 17.5 acres of double-Guyot-trained vines are rooted in the region's famous Goldridge sandy loam soils, comprised of weathered sandstone and granite, with a fine, almost powder-like topsoil. Located in the Green Valley area of the Southwest corner of the Russian River Valley, this vineyard enjoys very cool nights and mornings. Fog typically covers the vineyard from 6:00pm until about 11:00am during the summer months. Daytime temperatures typically hover in the low-to-mid 80s, creating vines that have intensely concentrated, small berries. The cool temperatures and less direct sunlight lead to vines that are harvested up to one month later than the much warmer Amber Ridge Vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2014 vintage marked another early harvest for EnRoute, beginning eight days earlier than the previous year. Budbreak was 15 days ahead of schedule, and ideal growing conditions throughout the season led to a bountiful crop. The warm days and mild nights allowed for grapes with rich color, abundant tannins, and intense aromas and flavors; we knew early on that the 2014 vintage had remarkable potential just from tasting the fruit. All vineyards were harvested at peak maturity, capturing the best of each vineyard, block and clone. We started picking in the warmest, northernmost vineyard on August 21st, then finished five weeks later in our coolest vineyard in Green Valley.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Beautiful blackberry and Santa Rosa plum aromas mingle with floral perfume, Bergamot and mineral. The entry is bright with silky tannins, providing layer upon layer of texture, building to a mouthwatering finish. This wine shows an uncommon depth of flavors and complexity, and it is constantly evolving and revealing background notes.



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