



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2014 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

It is extremely rare to have back to back perfect vintages but 2014 is proving to be just that: perfection. What started out as a normal spring bud break was followed by a moderate, if not ideal growing season. Optimal conditions for ripening resulted in an almost perfect development of flavor, sugar, acid, and structure. The harvest season began slightly early but with ideal fall conditions it was compact and uniform. The season allowed for an almost clockwork style of harvest.

Cases produced: 1,226

Winemaking: Traditional techniques such as such as open top fermentations and hand plunging the cap during primary fermentation were implemented. To accentuate the fruit component, twenty percent of the grapes were added whole cluster to the bottom of the fermenter. The cuvee or blend is a mix of clones from our Russian River Ranch. The clones chosen were UCD37, Pommard, 115 and 777. Each clone brings to the blend its own distinct characteristics. UCD37 is bold and full bodied, Pommard is rich and aromatic, Clone 115 tends to be more fruit forward with good color and the 777 brings pronounced Pinot Noir aroma, good color and a very silky texture to the blend.

Alcohol: 14.9 percent by volume

TA: 5.50 g/l

pH: 3.74

Tasting Notes: Muscular example of Pinot Noir – big, rich, yet supple on the finish. Black cherries, currants and spices all coming together in a collage of flavors. The tannins are firm yet velvety on the palate. Sweet pipe tobacco and cedar cigar box linger as the wine disappears. Age worthy, this wine will show beautifully for the next 5-7 years if not longer.

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