



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

## 2011 RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

Since its founding in the 1972, Chalk Hill Estate has been recognized as one of California's benchmark producers. Our 1300+-acre property is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. Our new Trenton Road Vineyard, a few miles west of the winery, is set in the center of the Russian River Valley AVA. In addition to the 48 acres of vines, it is home to 140 acres of native woodlands, two groves of redwoods, steep hillsides and stunning views of the valley and mountains. While it bears many similarities to our Chalk Hill Estate, the cooler conditions at Trenton road make it an ideal site for Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING

A cool, wet spring and heavy rains in early June affected the set and reduced the potential size of the crop. July and August were also unseasonably cool making us wonder if things would ever get on track. Fortunately a week of hot temperatures in mid-September allowed the fruit to fully ripen and we harvested all of our Pinot prior to the rains in October.

TASTING

Our inaugural Pinot Noir is a wonderful example of the Russian River Valley AVA. A blend of clone 37 and clone 777, it delivers all the wild, exotic spice one expects from this cool, maritime region. The aromas are saturated with cherries, raspberries, tea leaves and pipe tobacco. The palate adds fig and smoked meat to the mix. The finish is rich, long and elegant.

HARVEST DATA

*Harvest Dates* SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 1, 2011

*Average Yields* 3.4 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest* 24.5°

FERMENTATION / AGING DATA

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR FIVE MONTHS

*Cooperage* 100% FRENCH OAK (38% NEW)

*Barrel Aging* 11 MONTHS

WINE DATA

*Blend* 100% PINOT NOIR

*Bottling Date* AUGUST 16, 2012

*pH* 3.63      *TA* 5.2 G/L      *Alcohol* 14.8%

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