

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2013 PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The Confidant Vineyard lies on a western facing slope in northern Russian River giving it great sun exposure and concentrated fruit with smaller berries and intense color. The Barron Vineyard on its lighter, more silty soils to the south in the Green Valley area develops its plush, red-fruited characters more slowly.

**APPELLATION:** Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

**GROWING SEASON:** The 2013 vintage for Pinot Noir was a little earlier and warmer than recent vintages. The mostly steady temperatures of the growing season allowed us to pick at near ideal ripeness. The delicate grapes did not have to weather any severe heat spikes that can happen in September some vintages. This led to grapes with nice ripe, fresh fruit characteristics and moderate tannin levels.

**HARVEST DATE:** Barron Vineyard September 17 and Confidant Vineyard September 11

**VARIETAL:** 100% Pinot Noir - 58% Barron Vineyard – 42% Confidant Vineyard

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 10 months in Oak – 40% new: 100% French

**WINEMAKING:** Each vineyard lot was fermented in open top tanks utilizing both punch downs and pumpovers to obtain the desired level of extraction from the fruit. The wine went to barrel with some yeast lees that were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 5 months of aging to add body and complexity. The 2013 vintage was filtered at bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:** Supple and graceful, our 2013 Pinot Noir displays fresh aromas of raspberry, red cherry with touches of clove and cinnamon. Notably rich, the palate is plush and smooth with layered notes of cherry, cranberry, cigar box and caramel. Enjoy this structured and elegant wine now!

**PRODUCTION:** 614 cases

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