



## 2011 Pinot Noir

### Bucher Vineyard – Russian River Valley

### Sonoma County

**Vineyard:** Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher for Bucher Farms. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. The 35 acres of land, with 14 blocks of wine grapes, are owned by John and his parents, and farmed by John for Bucher Farms. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

**Vintage Notes:** Our 2011 final blend comes from four blocks in the vineyard. The backbone of the blend comes from Tory’s Block. The Pommard clone has always produced excellent fruit from that vineyard block, and the 2011 vintage was true to form. We also sourced fruit from the North “L” Block (777), the Saddle Block (Swan) and the House Block (115).

**Tasting Notes:** Enticing aromas of cherry tobacco, rosehip and tea lead you to flavors of juicy Bing cherry, black raspberry, a hint of cola, forest floor and a whisper of bay. The velvety mouthfeel brings you to a lingering finish laced with cherry and black tea.

<b>Composition</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Vintage</b>	2011
<b>Appellation</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Vineyard Designation</b>	Bucher Vineyard
<b>Block / Clones</b>	Tory’s Block / Pommard House Block / 115 North “L” Block / 777 Saddle Block / Swan
<b>Harvest Date</b>	September 16, 2011
<b>Brix</b>	23.25° (average)
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	11 months in oak
<b>Cooperage</b>	40% in new French oak barrels, Cavin & Remond 60% 1-3 year French oak barrels
<b>Bottling Date</b>	August 12, 2012
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.1%
<b>pH</b>	3.7
<b>T.A.</b>	.055g/100mL
<b>Release Date</b>	March 20, 2013
<b>Production</b>	160 cases

