

# BUCHER

## 2014 Pinot Noir Bucher Vineyard Russian River Valley Sonoma County

**The Vineyard:** Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher. 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. Today, Bucher Vineyard has 38 acres of sustainably-farmed grapes – 36 acres of Pinot Noir on 14 distinct blocks and 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

**Vintage Notes:** Our 2014 Single Vineyard blend comes from all seven Pinot Noir blocks in the vineyard. The backbone of the blend comes from the Saddle block (Swan Clone). The Pommard clone from Tory's Block has always produced excellent fruit, and the 2014 vintage was true to form. We also sourced fruit from the Pear Tree Block (667), Jackson (PN16), South Hill (37 & 115), North Pyramid (Pommard), and RockRidge (Pommard) blocks to add layers and complexity to the blend.

**Tasting Notes:** Fragrant aromatics of tart cherry and cranberry, along with hints of baking spices and sandalwood, introduce this classic Russian River Valley Pinot. From the smooth entry and mouthfeel to the broad, lingering finish, this wine offers a full complement of flavors with depth, richness, and varietal purity. Wild berry, plum, and black cherry mingle with traces of earth, anise, spice box, and a mineral essence. The tannin and oak structure will continue to integrate with additional bottle aging. Drinkable now, but if enjoyed before fall 2016, we recommend decanting before serving.

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vintage	2014
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard
Block / Clones	Saddle Block/Swan South Hill/115 and Mt. Eden Tory's Block/Pommard Jackson/PN 16 Jackson Pear Tree Block/Dijon 667 North Pyramid/Pommard RockRidge/Pommard
Harvest Date	Aug. 20 - Sept. 10, 2014

Brix	24.6° (average)
Barrel Aging	10 months in French oak
Cooperage	20% in new French oak barrels— François Frères & Valluarine, 80% 1-3 year French oak barrels
Bottling Date	July 21, 2015
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.75
T.A.	0.54g/100mL
Release Date	March 15, 2016
Production	545 cases

