

# BUCHER

## 2014 Three Sixty 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 Three Sixty comes from four blocks in the vineyard. We sourced fruit from the South Hill (37 & 115), the Jackson Clone block, as well as a small amount of Pommard from Rock Ridge and Pear Tree (667) blocks. The South Hill block as the name indicates, has great south facing sun exposure and is our only block interplanted with two clones. The Pear Tree block was one of the first blocks planted on the ranch and it is the only 667 clone planted in the vineyard. The Rock Ridge and Jackson blocks were planted in 2009.

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of spicy dark fruit are laced with vanillin oak and dusty tannins. The full, rich entry continues into a core of creamy dark cherry woven with hints of coffee, licorice, and cola. Spice-driven when first opened, as the wine mellows with aeration, the spice essence becomes more like an elegant dance partner as the flavors integrate. Tannins provide a slight tartness on the edges of the palate, balancing the rich flavors while enhancing the wine. Youthful now, this wine will continue to evolve in the coming months and years to provide continued pleasure and a three-sixty view of Bucher's Pinots.

<b>Composition</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Vintage</b>	2014
<b>Appellation</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Vineyard Designation</b>	Bucher Vineyard
<b>Block / Clones</b>	South Hill/115 and Mt. Eden Jackson/PN 16-Jackson Rock Ridge/Pommard Pear Tree Block/Dijon 667
<b>Harvest Date</b>	Aug. 20 - Sept. 10, 2014
<b>Brix</b>	24.2° (average)

<b>Barrel Aging</b>	10 months in French oak
<b>Cooperage</b>	25% in new French oak barrels— François Frères & Valluarine, 75% 1-3 year French oak barrels
<b>Bottling Date</b>	July 21, 2015
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.3%
<b>pH</b>	3.74
<b>T.A.</b>	0.55g/100mL
<b>Release Date</b>	March 15, 2016
<b>Production</b>	143 cases

