

BUCHER

2014 Pommard Clone 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 Pommard Clone comes from three blocks in the vineyard. The fruit is from Tory's Block, planted in 2006, and the block nearest to our home. We also sourced fruit from the North Pyramid block and the Rock Ridge block, both planted in 2009.

Tasting Notes: Inviting aromatics of wild brambly berries mingle with hints of fresh strawberry and earth notes. Initially the luscious flavors almost seem delicate, yet as the wine opens, it offers so much depth and complexity. Delicious cherry and mixed dark berries are tiered with traces of sassafras, mushroom, and minerality that linger on the palate. While the oak and tannin structure gently frames the wine, the fruit and umami qualities merge to create a sophisticated and balanced Pinot. If opened before Fall 2016, we recommend decanting for at least 30 minutes before serving.



Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vintage	2014
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard
Block / Clones	Tory's Block/Pommard North Pyramid/Pommard RockRidge/Pommard
Harvest Date	Aug. 20 - Sept. 9, 2014
Brix	24.2° (average)
Barrel Aging	10 months in French oak

Cooperage	50% in new French oak barrels— François Frères 50% 1-3 year French oak barrels— François Frères
Bottling Date	July 21, 2015
Alcohol	13.9%
pH	3.75
T.A.	0.60g/100mL
Release Date	March 15, 2016
Production	142 cases

