



# ERIC ROSS

2010  
Pinot Noir, Saralee's Vineyard  
Russian River Valley, Sonoma

Varietal: 100% Russian River Valley Pinot Noir  
Acidity: 0.60 g/100ml  
pH: 3.7  
Residual Sugar: Dry  
Alcohol: 14.4 %

## Vineyard & Flavor

From the heart of the Russian River Valley farmed by Saralee & Rich Kunde this unique block of fruit consists of 12 Pinot Noir clones, from 777 to 115 to 4. The block includes a university enology study on flavor profiling Pinot Noir Clones. The resulting complex wine delivers a gentle roller coaster of spice aromas of black cherry, coffee and ripe Santa Rosa plum with subtle but bright layers of raspberry and well integrated toasty oak aromas from 35% new French Oak barrels.

## Winemaking

Harvest: October 6, 2010  
Bottled: August 4, 2011  
Cases: 320

The vineyard was hand picked in the chill of dawn delivering cold fruit to the winery. De-stemmed with open rollers on the crusher to allow the berries to pass through for fermentation. All clones are fermented together to allow full integration of flavors while fermenting. Open top fermenters with twice daily punch downs using Assmanshausen yeast. Pressed to barrel after primary with malolactic fermentation completing in barrel with 35% new French Oak aging for 11 months.

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