

# 2011 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Another new single-vineyard wine that had been going into the Eastside Road Neighbors since 2008. A very aromatic wine that is composed primarily of Dijon clones 777 & 115, with a small amount of Swan in the blend. Bright cherry fruits, fennel and star jasmine radiate in the aroma of this wine. Concentrated raspberry and cherry fruits, anise and toasted vanilla beans coat the palate along with rich, supple tannins. A more fruit-forward wine that is worth aging for 4-6 years.

—Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777. 2008 marked the first vintage grapes were purchased from the Calegari Vineyard, and for many years these grapes were the anchor of the acclaimed Eastside Road Neighbors bottling. After working with the grapes for several vintages, we decided that the Calegari fruit warranted its own designation. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

## HARVEST 2011

The 2011 vintage was marked by another cool year that produced wines with tremendous purity and depth. Similar in many ways to 2010, without the extremes, it had very low yields and below average cooler weather. But, the growing season in 2011 was much more consistent with gentle warming days and very cold summer nights. As a consequence, the vintage produced wines with incredible purity, remarkable acid and tannin balance, while expressing the uniqueness of each individual site and region. The signature of this vintage is one where the wines have bright fruit qualities, sound acidities and elegant tannin profiles. It is truly a vintage worth seeking.

# **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 64% new, 36% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.44

TA: 0.65g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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