

2013 L'Oliveto Pinot Noir | *Russian River Valley*

Vineyards- Sourced from three exceptional Russian River Valley vineyards: Teac Mor Vineyard located in the central Russian River Valley, Noreen Vineyard in Northern Russian River Valley and Hurst Vineyard in the Sebastopol Hills. These vineyards are known for their excellent soil, sun exposure and cool climate nights, offering ideal growing conditions for this noteworthy pinot noir.

Vintage- The 2013 growing season essentially offered conditions that were as close to perfect as they come. Early winter rains were followed by a warm, dry spring, resulting in an early growing season that saw no frost. Summer was warm, but without the usual heat spikes to shut the vines down or produce sunburn. Ripening occurred earlier than usual, and was very even. The wines are bright, energetic, with beautiful aromatics and full of complexity.



Fermentation- All ferments were completed in open top, stainless steel tanks with manual punch downs up to 5 times daily. We use only indigenous yeasts/malolactic cultures for primary and secondary fermentations. Wines are pressed off just before going dry to preserve a supple phenolic structure as well as some barrel fermentation for harmony with the oak.

Harvest Date: September 10th - 18th, 2013

Cooperage & Aging: The wine was aged in 100% French oak, 30% of it new for 9 months.

Winemaker: Dan Fitzgerald

Assistant Winemaker: Nicole Michael

Bottling: June 2014

Sensory Notes: This wine exudes a deep garnet red color in the glass. The nose is vibrant, offering aromas of raspberry, cedar and orange zest. The palate is richly textured with a core of red fruit enveloped in a gamey earthiness. The finish is long and seamless, accompanied by notes of black tea and cherry.

Final Technical Information:

pH: 3.61 **TA:** .63 **Alc:** 13.5%

Available Formats: 750ml

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00