



Rio Crest

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY
2012 PINOT NOIR

Tina Marie Vineyard

Appellation

Green Valley AVA of the
Russian River Valley,
Sonoma County

Harvest Date

September 9, 2012

Pinot Clones

50% 115, 25% 667, 25% 777

Aging

16 months in oak
(100% neutral)

Release Date

July 1, 2014

Director Of Winemaking

Kevin Brown

Winemaker

Kevin Brown, assisted by
several renowned regional
winemakers

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Ron Black and Kevin Brown worked together to bring forth an exceptional Pinot from the Tina Marie vineyard in the Green Valley area of Russian River, in Sonoma County. While we classified this wine Russian River, it could as easily be characterized as Sonoma Coast. The wine reflects much of the elegance of a coastal Pinot from the fertile vineyard soil combined with the wonderful cool evenings and hot days during the 2012 growing season.

In the glass you will find a light reddish-purple color and a wonderful nose that opens up over time. Aromas of red cherry and raspberry are notable immediately, with just a hint of spice. It is relatively light in weight and lean in overall style. It has great length in the glass.

Ron and Kevin personally selected the best 777, 667, and 115 clone grapes, blended in perfect quantities into the first ever Rio Crest, Tina Marie Vineyard Pinot. While Ron and Kevin started with six barrels, they eliminated two of the barrels because they felt they did not meet the quality standards set forth for this wine. The result was 96 cases of exceptional Pinot, available after July 1, 2014.