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2013 Umino Vineyard

Pinot Noir | Russian River Valley

The Umino Vineyard is owned and farmed by Dave Umino, a fifth generation Japanese American from a Central Valley farming family. After a career as a forensic metallurgist the vineyards replaced an old apple orchard in 1995. Planted to Pinot Noir Dijon clones 777, 667, 115 and 459 it is located southwest of Sebastopol at the top of Blucher Valley in what is unofficially referred to as the Sebastopol Hills of the Russian River Valley AVA. Cold maritime air funnels through the hills to moderate ripening of the fruit which produces wines of exceptional depth, concentration and character.

Deep purple in color, a bowl full of cherries and cream leaps from the bowl. Black cherry, blackberry and raspberry flavors mix with hints of mushroom, coffee, and sweet toasted oak on the palate. Bright acidity and velvety smooth tannins mingle with flavors of bing cherry and ripe strawberry on a mineral laced finish. Drink now or over the next 5 to 7 years.

> Oak: 100% French; 50% New, 25% once used, and 25% older Clones: Dijon 459 and 777 Harvested: September 19, 2013 Bottled: August 11, 2014 Alcohol: 14.5%

121 Cases produced | Released April 1, 2015

90 points | Pinotfile

Moderate reddish purple color in the glass. Very shy nose, even when checked two days after opening, revealing delicate aromas of black cherry, spice and toasty oak. A luscious wine, sporting earth-kissed black cherry fruit accented with oak. Fat and full but no excess sweetness. The captivating texture is very silky, plush and tres Pinot. A bit reserved and tight, the wine was better two days after opening when tasted from an re-corked bottle. Give this wine another year or two in the cellar. re-corked bottle.

Reviewed June 14, 2015