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**C A L I F O R N I A**  
**P I N O T N O I R**  
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**W I N E N O T E S**

• G R A P E S O U R C I N G •

Grapes for this wine were sourced from California's best growing areas for Pinot Noir in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. A variety of vineyards were selected, from warmer vineyards that highlight ripe, fruity flavors in the grapes to cool coastal climate growing regions, where warm, sunny days are moderated by cooling maritime influences. The range of vineyards and growing areas creates a Pinot Noir that is crisp and complex yet approachable and luscious on the palate.

*Grape Sourcing: 100% California*

• V I N T A G E •

While the 2011 growing season was challenging for growers in many areas, California's Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley growing regions experienced outstanding growing conditions. An April frost caused shatter in some areas, reducing crop yields. The cool than normal weather extended the growing season, with most of the region's grapes harvested before the October rains, resulting in grapes with excellent flavor development and maturity. Wines from 2011 tend to display ripe fruit aromas and flavor, richness, and balanced acidity.

*Technical Information: 0.56 TA, 3.61 pH, 13.5% alcohol by volume*

• W I N E M A K I N G •

Grapes for this wine were gently squeezed, and cold soaked for up to 5 days prior to fermentation. A portion of the blend was fermented in open topped containers to soften tannins and provide more intense color and flavor extraction. This component was aged for 6-8 months in a combination of new and 1-2 year old French oak barrels, adding layers of toastiness, and complexity to the wine. The remaining portion of the blend was cold fermented in stainless steel to preserve the berry fruit characteristics and crisp acidity.

*Varietal Blend: 100% Pinot Noir*

• W I N E M A K E R ' S N O T E S •

Fragrant cranberry and red raspberry aromas carry through to the palate, framed on the palate by notes of green tea, cedar and spice, with a crisp yet silky finish. The wine pairs well with light pasta dishes, grilled salmon or tuna, or roasted chicken.