



CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED
2012 PINOT NOIR

CHALK HILL ESTATE is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. The Chalk Hill AVA is a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley, the epicenter of Pinot Noir growing and winemaking. While the estate is a bit warm for top quality Pinot Noir, our Trenton Road vineyard, located a few miles west of the winery, is ideally situated. Trenton's 45 acres of vineyard are planted with 6 highly regarded clones of Pinot Noir, primarily Mt. Eden, Pommard, Swan and Dijon 777.

2012 was a dream vintage, coming on the heels of a few challenging years. The rainy spring and warm, even summer temperatures were perfect for growing beautiful grapes. Quality is excellent across the board. This exciting wine, our second vintage of Pinot Noir, is lush and rich, but with vibrant acidity that carries the finish. Aromas include black cherries, Framboise, tea and rose petals. Ripe cherries and pomegranate dominate the flavors, along with hints of cocoa and warm spices.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 5, 2012

Average Yields: 3.4 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.0°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR FIVE MONTHS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 47% NEW

Barrel Aging: 11 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% PINOT NOIR

Bottling Date: AUGUST 8 & 9, 2013

pH: 3.50 *TA:* 5.5 G/L *Alcohol:* 14.5%