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## 2014 PINOT NOIR GREEN VALLEY-RUSSIAN RIVER, SONOMA COUNTY

### The Wine:

An exuberantly aromatic offering of red fruits, sweet vanilla and cigar tobacco, reflective of its cool-climate, high-elevation origins. Oak aging imparted subtle notes of anise, coriander and cinnamon spice, layered beautifully against a palate of strawberry and cherry.

-Jennifer Williams, Winemaker

### The Vineyard:

We selected the fruit of this vintage from Chenoweth Vineyard at Bootlegger Hill in the coveted Green Valley-Russian River Valley AVA. A high-elevation vineyard just eight miles from the Pacific Ocean, Chenoweth's vines are planted in Goldridge soils, whose fractured sandstone rested beneath the surface of the ocean millions of years ago. Hot, sunny days are followed by cool, foggy nights—the ideal climate for growing elegant Pinot Noir fruit with the perfect balance of sugar and acidity. Comprised of 30 acres, Chenoweth is divided into distinct blocks based on the different microclimates found within this single vineyard. Each block was planted to one of seven clones, selected specifically for this site. A broad mix of soils, climates and clones creates diverse aromas and flavor characteristics unique to Chenoweth Vineyard. This vintage is a blend of 115, 23, 37 and Pommard clones.

### The Growing Season:

The growing season harvest was one of the earliest on record—one to two weeks earlier than average. Nonetheless, moderate summer temperatures, coupled with morning fog and afternoon sun, helped the grapes mature and ripen at an optimal pace. Despite the drought conditions, the quality of fruit this vintage was a superior representation of the Green Valley AVA.

### Winemaker Notes:

The Pinot Noir wine was fermented and then aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 35% of which were new, which lent beautiful spice notes to the finished wine.

### The Facts:

Appellation: Green Valley of the Russian River Valley, Sonoma  
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir  
Fermentation: Stainless steel and partial whole cluster  
Aging: 35% New French oak barrels plus neutral oak  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Production: 300 Cases  
Release: August 6, 2015

