



Herrera

2013

ESMERALDA PINOT NOIR

VIVACIOUS • CHARMING • MISCHIEVOUS

STARTING IN THE VINEYARD

The 2013 growing season proved to be an excellent year in Napa Valley. It was slightly warmer than 2012, resulting in an overall earlier growing season. Lower than normal rainfall paired with moderate spring weather brought early bud break and bloom. Sunny skies throughout the summer months led to early veraison and harvest. Warm daytime temperatures followed by cool nights prior to harvest produced evenly ripened fruit with ideal hang time.

TO THE CELLAR

Rolando's goal is to create a Pinot so big and bold it can pair with a steak. We strive for low yields in the vineyard and then bleed the juice from the skin to extract the purest and richest flavors.

IN YOUR GLASS

Red cherry and cranberry aromas give way to notes of blackberry, clove, rich earth, and rose petal. Luscious flavors of dark and red fruits are highlighted by hints of cinnamon and clove. The soft mouthfeel is balanced by firm yet fine-grained tannins and a finish that is long and complex.

ON YOUR TABLE

The traditional Thanksgiving meal (e.g. turkey and cranberry) pairs beautifully with this wine, but we would hate for you to drink this only once a year. Try game meats and earthy flavors - wild boar, anyone?

Vintage 2013

Varietal 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation Russian River Valley

Vineyard Castiglioni

Oak 100% new French oak

Aging 18 months

Alcohol 14.5%

Production 100 cases