

# DONUM

## *The Gift of the Land*

The 2013 vintage marks the fifth release of our Russian River Valley Reserve Pinot Noir. Our source is a 16-acre vineyard located in the heart of the Russian River Valley that was planned and planted by Anne Moller-Racke in the mid-1990's. In 2013, for the first time, our Pommard block eclipsed the Dijon 667 block, and Pommard makes up the majority of the blend, adding depth and complexity to what has always been one of our richest bottlings.

**FRUIT:** 80% Pommard, 20% Dijon 667  
from the Winside Vineyard

**NEW OAK:** 70% new French oak  
(Remond, Cadus, Francois Frères)

**HARVEST DATE:** September 17, 2013

**ALCOHOL:** 14.7%

**BOTTLING DATE:** February 9, 2015

**PH:** 3.69

**CASES PRODUCED:** 293 cases

**TA:** 5.9 g/L

### FERMENTATION & AGING DETAILS

Fruit for our Russian River Reserve was allowed to get maximum hangtime, ensuring that the skins reached full ripeness. Once we determined that the skins were ready the fruit was hand-harvested early in the morning, and sorted twice at the winery. After a long cold-soak, the cap was punched down frequently during fermentation to achieve maximum extraction. Once primary fermentation was complete, the wine underwent a period of extended maceration, allowing for further extraction of skin tannin and flavor. The free run ended up in French oak, about 70% new, where it underwent malolactic fermentation and then rested in barrel for about 14 months. We then selected the dozen or so best barrels, which became the Russian River Reserve. The final blend was put together and bottled in February, 2015.

### WEATHER ATTRIBUTES

After very cool growing seasons in back to back years (2011 & 2012), the 2013 vintage felt quite warm, although it was actually close to average for Northern California. Bud break occurred very early thanks to a warm spring, leading to concerns about an extremely early harvest, but we avoided any heat spikes throughout the summer, which slowed things down in the vineyard. With all of our vineyards (and seemingly everyone else's in Sonoma and Napa) tracking around the same sugar levels, the potential for too much fruit at once made everyone nervous, but cool weather at just the right times in early and late September created the spacing we needed. The 2013 calendar year was very dry, but fortunately heavy rains in November and December of 2012 provided enough moisture in the soil and water for irrigation to last the growing season. One small rain event on September 21st and 22nd created some worries, but little rain fell and strong winds dried the vineyards out quickly. Our harvest began at our Russian River Vineyard on September 2, and wrapped up in Carneros on October 8.

## 2013 RUSSIAN RIVER RESERVE ESTATE GROWN PINOT NOIR

Deep ruby in color, with intense aromas of black cherry, cola, plum, and rose petal. The palate is round and lush, with ripe berry and cherry flavors joined by spice and floral notes. The wonderful texture lingers on the palate long after the wine is gone.

-Dan Fishman, winemaker

