

## 2014 Bella Una Russian River Valley Pinot Noir



### Harvest Notes

In many ways, the 2014 vintage is one for the record books. The third consecutive drought year, Sonoma County received less than half of its average rainfall. The very dry winter and spring allowed for very early bud break, flowering and harvest. With ideal spring weather conditions, the vines were able to complete flowering quickly, and the resulting crop was much larger than average. We received just enough rain in the spring to charge the soil with water, and cool summer weather allowed the vines to thrive resulting in the earliest harvest on record.

### Winegrower Notes

We are exceptionally excited to reintroduce Bella Una with this 2014 vintage. “Bella Una” translated from Latin means beautiful together. Our winemaker selects barrels that reflect what he feels are the best expression of the vintage. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones from our Martaella Vineyard and our Tilton Hill Vineyard were chosen for this intense and dynamic Pinot Noir. We decided to leave 35% of the clusters intact (whole-cluster) and fermentation was completed by indigenous yeast fermentation in open top tanks.

### Tasting Notes

Rich and seductive aromas of vine ripened blackberry mingle with nutmeg, sandalwood and blackberry. On the palate the wine’s juicy mouthfeel is supported by the fine grain tannins on the long and lingering finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet. It is absolutely gorgeous now but will improve with 5-7 years of bottle aging.

### Vineyard Sources

Martaella Vineyard, Tilton Hill Vineyard

### Harvest Data

September 3rd – September 27th | Alcohol 14.5% | pH 3.52 | TA 0.60

### Fermentation

Cold soaked for 8 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for almost two weeks

### Cooperage

42% new French Oak

### Bottling

February 2016

### Cases Produced

323 cases

### Release Date

September 2016