

## 2011 'LONER' PINOT NOIR R11-A JOHN SEBASTIANO VINEYARD



2011 Pinot Noir - John Sebastiano Vineyard

### NOTES

Frost decimated the first crop in sections of the vineyard, while only stunting other sections. The result in the 'stunned sections' were yields of 0.4-0.6 tons per acre; the result in the ones that got hit the hardest was that we dropped any remaining first crop as soon as feasible, allowing a second crop to emerge in its place (in equally spare fashion).

What came of this combination is totally unique to 2011: the blocks that survived the frost developed into ripe, dark, super-concentrated fruit that is fairly characteristic for the vineyard. We didn't harvest the second crop until mid-October when it had developed with lighter color and less intensity, more nervousness and balance, and the prettiest aromatics that we've seen from this ranch. Two crops that are probably on opposite ends of the spectrum that this ranch is capable of producing, almost like two different vintages.

As with the Syrahs from 2011, we used a higher percentage of whole clusters (about 35%), lending mysterious aromatic layers. There is a sort of extreme tension here that I love, and that seems to be inherent in the John Sebastiano vineyard.

**- Matthias Pippig | Winegrower**

### VITALS

Varietals	Pinot Noir 100% App. 35% Whole Cluster
Vineyards	John Sebastiano 100%
Harvest Dates	September 18, October 15
Yields	0.4 – 0.6 tons / acre ~ 0.3 – 0.5 lbs/vine
Brix (at harvest)	24.1 – 25.1
Alcohol	14.3%
pH / TA	3.43 – 3.72 / 5.2 – 6.3
Barrels / Coopers	228L French Oak – 100% seasoned
Barrel Aging	17 months
Rackings	None
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	April 2013
Production	150 (9L) cases
Scheduled Release	Fall 2013
Suggested Retail Price	\$75