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## **2013 Pinot Noir, the Charm, Russian River Valley, 425 cases produced**

The 2013 Charm is sourced primarily from the Floodgate Vineyard as well as the Graham Vineyard. Both vineyards embody the classic spirit of the Russian River Valley and its Goldridge soils. The vineyards produce wines of supple texture and a bright red fruit profile.

In 2013, I added an additional clone at the Floodgate Vineyard; the 777 clone provided mid-palate depth and structure to the blend. I continued to source the juicy and seductive 667 clone and the spicy, dark fruited old-vine Martini selection Pinot Noir planted in 1969. Together, these clones harmonized seamlessly to create a Pinot Noir of great depth and stature.

Luckily, in addition to Floodgate, I sourced two tons of mixed clones (667, 777, and Calera) from the Graham Vineyard in 2013. This parcel sits in the cool Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley.

Eighty percent Floodgate Vineyard and twenty percent Graham Vineyard, aged in thirty-five percent new French oak for fourteen months, with ten percent whole cluster inclusion, The Charm is a panoply of red fruit with bright acidity and firm structure.

### **MY NOTES**

The Charm has a deep garnet color. The aromatics are highlighted by a mélange of red fruits and baking spices. Elements of rose petals, Rainier cherries, allspice and ripe strawberries accentuate the aromatics. The plush mid-palate exhibits tones of raspberries, cardamom, and red apple skin. Focused acidity and refined tannins shape the finish filled with pluot, cinnamon, and cola.

### **Wine Making Data:**

- Alcohol - 14.3 %
- pH - 3.58
- TA - 6.1 g/l