

# Croix 2012 Old Manzana Slope Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

## At The Cross :

Sharp, open swaths cut through old-growth oaks at the crossing Purrington Creek and Sebastopol's first golden age of agriculture—the old manzana (apple) orchards. Replanted to Pinot Noir, the old slope pitches perfectly into the eastern sunshine, sits upon silky sediment called “Goldridge Dust,” and settles into a warm pocket of nature's beauty.

Quintessential conditions for inducing perfection in the glass.

## Illustration :

### : Winemaker's Insight :

A fuller and broader style of Pinot Noir, indicative of the hillside exposure, and one of Russian River Valley's warmest locations within the Green Valley sub-appellation. The nose opens with aromatic concentrations of sweet earth, rose water, black cherries and allspice. The palate is exotic, expansive, yet focused with tongue curling acidity and a savory glide that finishes with substantial length on the palate. Anticipated maturity window: 2016 to 2024.

### : Vineyard Technicals :

Elevation : 204.61 ft | Slope : 12.8% | Aspect : East | Degree Days : 2724

Region : Green Valley, Russian River Valley | Continuity : 26.81 Acres

Soils : Goldridge, Sandy Loam | Grower : Steve Dutton, Dutton Ranch Viticulture

### : Harvest & Cellar Technicals :

Harvest Date : September 24, 2012 | Tonnage : 3.19 | Post Sorting Yield : 2.61 Tons

Pre-Fermentation : Cold Soak, 7 Days | Open-Top Fermentation: 100% Native Yeast

Fermentation Duration On Skins : 18 Days | Oak: 60% New | Ageing : 15 Months

Fining : Rack and Return | Bottling : Unfiltered | Bottle Ageing : 12 Months

Domestic Focus : 100% On-Premise

1,200 Bottles Produced

