

RIVERBENCH

2012 Harvest

As harvest wrapped up for the 2012 season we had a lot to be thankful for in the vineyard. The weather cooperated this season and the resulting grapes looked and tasted great. We had average yields and the long hang time brought outstanding color and phenolics to the Pinot Noir. These same growing conditions and hang time allowed for different Chardonnay wines to be produced. We had the ability to make multiple harvests in the Chardonnay, capturing progressive flavors and resulting in distinctly different wines.







2012 POMMARD PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown and Bottled

Santa Maria Valley

Composition 100% Pinot Noir, Pommard Clone Harvest September 19, 2012 Cooperage 10 months in French Oak, 60% new Coopers Boutes Grande Reserve, Remond, Seguin Moreau, Francois Freres Bottled August 1, 2013 Acidity .59 g/100mL рΗ 3.76 Alcohol 14% Production 196 cases Suggested Retail Price \$46



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Winemakers Notes

He's smooth. Confident. Just a little domineering. Wins every game of poker, spies on warlords and smugglers, and remains cool and calm with the ubiquitous drink in hand. Fast cars and sophisticated gadgets may make him irresistible, but he stays polite yet aloof. The name's Pommard, Pommard Pinot Noir, and this new addition to our lineup is dense, velvety and mysterious. The nose holds the fragrance of currants and bruléed red fruits with just a tiny hint of rose petal, violet, and custom made cigarettes. These follow through on a dark and brooding palate which exhibits flavors of blueberry pie and cherry. Strong tannins give this wine its *Double 0* status, so make it your mission to enjoy it as often as possible.