



Merry Edwards Winery
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2012 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley

This wine combines grapes from six different vineyards located across the range of Russian River Valley. Once our vineyard-designate blends are composed, the remaining declassified lots find a home in this wine. Placement is dependent on the individual profile of each lot of wine produced. This blend epitomizes the core personality of the entire Russian River Valley — deep, kaleidoscopic fruit and a broad palate. These characteristics are created by the well-drained soils and the coastal fog intrusion unique to our region.

On first impression, the aroma is pure fruit — fresh blackberry, dark plum, black raspberry and huckleberry. Add to this currants, strawberry jam, cassis and cherry pie. Sarsaparilla, Lapsang Souchong tea, cocoa, roasted-toasty oak and a bit of vanilla bean round out this Pinot's complex persona.

Expectation is high and the palate does not disappoint. The ripe fruit entry flows to a full, weighty mouthfeel. The finish is firm, with sufficient acidity to create a backbone that deserves aging.

Madison Teter and her fiancé, Keith Hollander, created an original recipe they call *Fall-Inspired Butternut Squash and Shiitake Enchiladas*. The sweetness of the butternut squash and the earthiness of the mushrooms, topped with a tangy tomatillo sauce, make the dish a perfect accompaniment to this Pinot. Enjoy!