



Merry Edwards Winery
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2012 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Coopersmith

Coopersmith is growing up! Planted in 2001, the vineyard at our winery has now celebrated more than a decade of growth. Planted on the Laguna Ridge, which straddles Russian River Valley and Green Valley, its deep, sandy soils provide ideal conditions for repeat performances of great vintages. Despite a record-breaking crop, the 2012 harvest season resulted in a breathtaking wine.

This impressive Pinot has an expansive, mouthwatering aroma packed with syrupy dark fruit — black raspberry, Bing cherry, black plum and blackberry. A generous dusting of its signature sweet cocoa captivates our attention. Fifty-eight percent new Francois Frères cooperage adds a rich oak dimension to an already complex sensory experience.

The first sip wraps the tongue in a mantle of luscious, dark fruit. The midpalate is opulent, building to a rich finish bursting with sweet, plush tannins and savory flavors. This wine literally expands with aeration, increasing in intensity as we explore it further — a sure sign of long-term aging success.

Jason Sherman, Wine Director of Brennan's of Houston, submitted his recipe for *Old-Fashioned Duck with Dirty Rice* to our Win a Magnum contest. This exotic preparation goes smashingly with our bold Coopersmith Pinot Noir. Find it on our Recipe Page at merryedwards.com. Congratulations, Jason!