



MERRY EDWARDS
WINERY AND VINEYARDS

WARREN'S HILL VINEYARD

In 2009, Merry leased this beautiful hilltop vineyard site from Nancy and Louie Sanchietti. The property was originally planted by Warren Dutton and had been producing stellar Pinot Noirs under various winery labels for two decades. But it was



apparent that this 20-year-old vineyard was in decline, so the decision was made to replant. Windsor Gardens fans will be delighted to learn that Merry used this opportunity to give new life to its memory. Lee Martinelli saved a handful of vine cuttings from that venerable old vineyard. New plants were propagated and grew up in a nursery until their installation in spring 2012.

With its rebirth, the vineyard was given a new name — Warren's Hill. Warren Dutton had been a friend of Merry's for many years and was a respected figure in Russian River Valley. Warren Arnold is another good friend, renowned sculptor and supporter of Merry's wines going back to Matanzas Creek. Merry's son Warren, who passed away in 2006, was named after these two stalwart friends, and this wine honors all three of them.

The results from this newly planted vineyard are astounding. The wine's deep red-purple color is almost black in saturation. Spicy notes of sandalwood and toasted oak lift from the nose with black cherries, plum, cola and undertones of minerality. The wine is concentrated upon entry, the mouth rich and dense with black fruit, mouth-filling tannins and chocolate notes that persist through a graceful, elegant finish.

- ❖ **Appellations:** Green Valley and Russian River Valley
- ❖ **Acreage:** 5.5
- ❖ **Exposure:** Hilltop; east and southeast
- ❖ **Soil type:** Goldridge sandy loam
- ❖ **Year planted:** 2012
- ❖ **Rootstock:** Schwarzmann
- ❖ **Scion wood clone:** Windsor Gardens field selection
- ❖ **Vine spacing:** 5 x 8 feet vertical