# FOG CREST

Fog Crest Vineyard is a family-owned winery in Sonoma County's highly regarded Russian River Valley Appellation.

Our 2011 Laguna West Pinot Noir is a thoughtful blend of grapes from three neighboring vineyards. We focus on sites west of the Laguna de Santa Rosa to showcase their distinct and unique nature.



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Fog Crest Vineyard partnered with mindful stewards of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, who use sustainable farming methods to produce our 2011 Laguna West Pinot Noir.

#### Winemaker

**Daniel Moore, Winemaker,** Daniel Moore has made wine for more than two decades in Northern California. He was the original winemaker at Lynmar Winery in the Russian River Valley where his Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays were very highly regarded. Daniel was also a pioneering champion of Russian River Gewüztraminer. His winemaking credits also include the Martinelli Vineyard Winery and his own Z Moore Winery.

## Vintage Notes

Two thousand-eleven was yet another record cold vintage in the Russian River Valley. A wet spring was followed by a cool summer. Wet weather during bloom in June resulted in a smaller than usual crop. The smaller than usual Pinot Noir crop was able to take advantage of the only sustained ninety degree days of the season in September to accelerate their maturity. The low crop yields led to very concentrated and intense berries.

The core of the Laguna West Pinot Noir bottling is clone 115 which contributes overall texture and length to the wine. Complimented by clone 777 the wine takes on layers of complexity and structure. Our vines situated west of the Laguna de Santa Rosa draw much of their character from classic Gold Ridge soils renowned to the area.

### Tasting Notes

Bright red cherry plum and current aromas interlace with notes of cola and spice. With a few swirls of the glass hints of cranberry hibiscus show on top of cloves and savory notes of rosemary. Savory flavors continue, blending with cranberry and dark cherry in a silky fruit finish. This wine will continue to evolve in the near term adding to an already fat mid-palette and lingering finish.

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley **Varietal Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Daniel Moore

Aging: 12 months

Alcohol: 14.5%

Cases Produced: 431

Bottling Date: August 2012

Suggested Retail: \$39