

Independent Wine Evaluation

2015 Meadowcroft Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Shining fresh red fruit, spice, rainy-day earth—and a sophisticated, feminine, classic finesse—recommend this Russian River Valley Pinot Noir to any fan of the grape, Old World or New. Lively and pleasant early, it develops steadily in the glass over more than two hours.

The enduring core of the aroma profile is fruit and spice; earth and floral character develop later and are likely to be elaborated with time in the cellar. More central to the character of this wine: it is drinkable, round, integrated; there are no rough edges or notable flaws. A fine acidic structure is overlaid with an expressive bouquet of typical aromas, followed up with a long, gentle, ethereal finish.

Complexity: Beyond satisfactory, but not the key virtue of the wine
Balance: Very noteworthy; perfectly proportionate impressions from the acid, alcohol and aromas; even, structured, smoothly integrated
Intensity: Very good; expressive with clear and distinct aromas
Character: Goes from fruity/wet-earthly, to perfumy and round
Typicity: Unmistakable Pinot Noir with New World depth and Old World finesse; quite versatile, it's food-friendly but doesn't require it

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Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vintage: 2015

Composition: Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 13.8%

Release Price: \$38

VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

Appearance: Ruby-garnet; clear, deep and youthful with no rim variation

Fruit, Floral: Strawberry, raspberry, cranberry, orange, rose water, perfume

Spice, Herbal, Vegetal: Clove, cinnamon, mint

Oak, Earth, Other: Moist potting soil, suede, brown sugar, cocoa

RESULTS:

Stage 1: Blind Tasting

- Complexity: 7/10
- Balance: 8/10
- Intensity: 8/10

Stage 2: Non-Blind

- Character: 7/10
- Typicity: 9/10

SCORE: 93

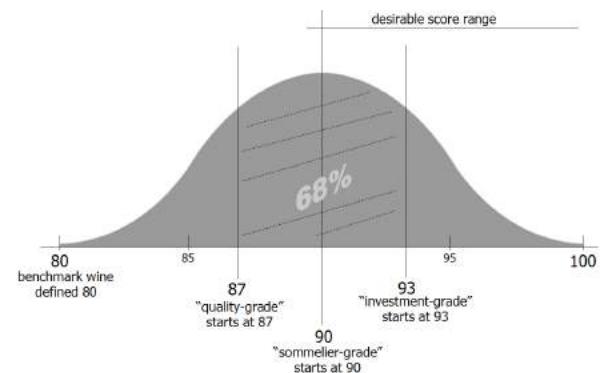


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EVALUATION MODEL:



METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE: Full evaluation criteria and process description available upon request. Wines are tasted and evaluated in a controlled environment. Wine samples are provided by producer as part of paid evaluation assignment. Evaluation model assumes that wine quality is normally distributed between scores 80 and 100, where 80 represents a simple, but not flawed, standard wine.