



*Ron Rubin Winery enriches people's lives
through exceptional wines, education, and innovation*

2013 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

—— Accolades ——

PLATINUM MEDAL / 95 POINTS

2016 Critic's Challenge Int'l Wine & Spirits Competition

GOLD MEDAL / 92 POINTS

2016 Monterey International Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL / 91 POINTS

2016 North of the Gate Wine Competition

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2016 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL – 2016 Sommelier-Judged Best in Glass Wine Challenge

GOLD MEDAL – 2016 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL - 2016 Dan Berger International Wine Comp

GOLD MEDAL – 2015 Best California Pinot Noir Tasting

GOLD MEDAL – 2015 San Francisco International Wine Competition

EXCEPTIONAL by **Dan Berger** of *Vintage Wine Experiences*

SCORE – 93 POINTS by the 2016 Ultimate Wine Challenge

SCORE – 92 POINTS by **Catherine Fallis**, aka *Grape Goddess*®:

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TOP VALUE – 89 POINTS by **Jim Laube** of *Wine Spectator*



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— Reviews —

Jim Laube, Wine Spectator ~ TOP VALUE: Clean, fresh and vibrant, with a firm yet delicate mix of Spice Raspberry and red berry that is well-focused, persistent and lingering.

Catherine Fallis MS, aka *Grape Goddess*®: 2013 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Pinot Noir: Recommends "*Fine and delicate with a fleshy middle and tart finish and notes of raspberry, sour cherry, sarsaparilla, red rose, loam, and mushroom.*" – 92

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Meg Houston Maker at *Maker's Table*: 2013 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Pinot Noir: Dark and savory aromatically, with spiced red currant, ripe tomato, herbs, and woody berries. It's bright on the palate, though, with sharp red fruits and a foundation note of allspice and cedar... nice, and food-friendly.

Dan Berger at *Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences*: 2013 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Pinot Noir: Very Highly Recommended – As elegant as the prior wine with even more up front fruit and a load of juiciness.



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Peg Melnik at *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*: “I tasted a flight of pinot noirs to prepare us for our feast... Included the 2013 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Pinot Noir.... All the pinots in the lineup deserve a shout out, because they are particularly lovely. They include Ron Rubin... and you can’t go wrong...

Fredric Koeppel at *Bigger Than Your Head*: The Ron Rubin Pinot Noir 2013, Russian River Valley, went through a gentle oak regimen of eight months in small French barriques, only 15 percent of which were new barrels. The wine is composed of grapes from estate vineyards plus grapes from five other vineyards in Russian River Valley. The color is a lovely transparent medium ruby-cranberry hue; scents of red currants and black cherries are permeated by gradually unfolding notes of cranberries and pomegranate, sassafras and sandalwood, briars and brambles and loam, all encompassed in an aura that feels deeply spiced and macerated yet fleet-footed, delicate and elegant. Super-satiny on the palate, this pinot noir displays surprising weight and texture for the finely-wrought nature of its bouquet; in fact, it’s saved from being sumptuous by a clean line of bright acidity and a fair amount of dusty tannic rigor, giving the wine a stones-and-bones structure upon which to drape delicious black cherry and plum flavors. The whole enterprise gains shading and darkness after some time in the glass, say, 30 minutes, lending an air of strangely graceful and somewhat enigmatic earthiness. 13.7 percent alcohol. Drink now through 2018 to 2020 with a roasted chicken, grilled lamb or veal chops. Excellent. About \$25, a **Remarkable Price** for the quality, the depth and dimension.

Thea Dwell of *Luscious Lushes*: A bold Russian River Pinot Noir with brown sugar, black cherry, and Dr. Pepper notes layering on top of chocolate mocha. Rich but still fresh with earth and wet leaves. I really wanted this wine to have more acid, but this is a crowd pleaser to be sure and would be popular at any gathering. Also low in alcohol, and unusually so given the region and the flavors, this clocks in at 13.7%. With a long and slow ripening season in Green Valley, the estate Pinot Noir is a mix of hand harvested clone 667, 115, 777 and Pommard. The Pommard adds a richness to the wine, with a soft and round body with the 9 months of French Oak give it the spice and vanilla backbone.