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2011 *Helluva* Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

The ranch affectionately called Helluva (because it is a helluva ranch!) is just northwest of Boonville. This is our second year making this light bodied and nervy Pinot.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Helluva

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Clone: Pommard 5

Age: 15 years

Elevation: 385 feet

Soil: Loam/clay with some fractured rock

Yield: 2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Sept. 22, 2011

Pressed: October 7, 2011

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir with 10% Whole Cluster

Maceration: 15 days in open top wood vat

Barrel aging: 9 months in 1-3 yr FO barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on August 3, 2012

Production: 288 cases

Release date: Fall 2012

On the nose cherry, spice and forest floor dance out of the glass and tickle the olfactory. The mouth is equally nimble as more fruit flavors laced spice skip across the palate. This is a light bodied, feminine wine that illustrates the beauty of Anderson Valley Pinot Noir.