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2012 *Helluva* Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

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

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Helluva

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Clone: Pommard 5

Age: 16 years

Elevation: 385 feet

Soil: Loam/clay with some fractured rock

Yield: 2.5 tons/acre

Harvested: Sept. 20, 2012

Pressed: October 3, 2012

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir with 35% Whole Cluster

Maceration: 13 days in open top wood vat

Barrel aging: 8 months in 1-3 yr FO barrels

Bottled: Unfiltered on May 22, 2012

Production: 304 cases

Release date: Fall 2013

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.