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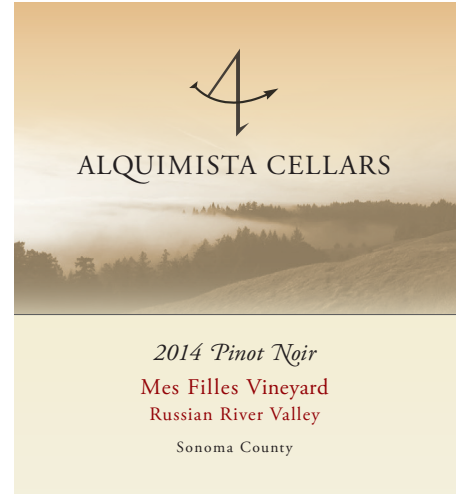
## *2014 Mes Filles Vineyard Pinot Noir - Russian River Valley - Sonoma County*

The Alquimista 2014 Mes Filles Vineyard Pinot Noir can rightfully claim to be nearly 20 years in the making. Born out of a project begun in 1995 when Rick and Diane DuNah bought this remarkable property. With an engineer's discipline, Rick set out to learn the most advanced viticulture techniques and plant the very best Pinot noir clones available in California. Studying under the legendary Rich Thomas of the viticulture department at the heralded Santa Rosa Junior College, Rick and Diane planted clones Pommard and Dijons 114, 115 and 667 to this unique solo-hill vineyard in what is known as the "Golden Triangle" of the Sebastopol Hills. Indeed, the vineyard lies at the very southwest boundary of the Russian River Winegrowing region, overlooking the Petaluma Gap in what is arguably the most unique area of the region.

Purchased in 2014 by David Gensler and renamed "*Mes Filles*" for his daughters, the vineyard in 2014 was managed for the last year by Rick DuNah in consultation with Alquimista Cellars proprietors Patrick Dillon and Greg La Follette, using techniques that have been termed "the new viticulture" using vine physiology and meteorological science as the guide, rather than the traditional calendar-based vineyard activity. Greg's efforts have been studied worldwide, as have his farming techniques that have been published as examples of wine quality-enhancing methods of vineyard management by the American Society of Enology and Viticulture (ASEV). He has also lectured at the University of Burgundy, inspiring winegrowers to enhance both wine quality and profitability.

The result of this careful and well-crafted approach to partnership with the land is one of the most complete, enigmatic and layered Pinot noirs to come out of California. Pinotphiles will be delighted with the fragrant approach to cool-climate Pinot viticulture, and those who appreciate the California model will also find the well-integrated tannin structure and sheer deliciousness of the wine to be compelling.

With lovely acid backbone, lower alcohol levels but great extract, this wine will not only provide immediate pleasure for the wine aficionado, it will pair well with food and provide enjoyment for years to come. Please see below fact sheet for more information.



### ***Mes Filles - formerly DuNah Vineyard Pinot Noir***

- Small 9 acre vineyard
- Very low yields, small berry and clusters
- Above fog line in the Sebastopol Hills, overlooking the Petaluma Wind Gap
- Extreme southwestern outpost of the Russian River Valley
- Long hours of hilltop sunlight, cool coastal temperatures
- Age-worthy Pinot Noir of great depth and color
- Balanced with red cherry and pomegranate fruit vs. peaty earthiness and minerality
- Fresh acidity and well-integrated tannins on late palate, clean finish.

### ***Food Pairing:***

- Stands up to rich meat dishes like pork roast and lamb
- Duck Breast
- Root vegetables