

## Huckleberry's Vineyard Green Valley of Russian River Appellation

Owned and farmed by Bill and Lauren Hipp I acre of Pinot Noir planted in 2004 Clones: Dijon II5, 667, 777, 828 First Talisman vintage: 2008

Huckleberry's Vineyard sits in the heart of the Green Valley of the Russian River Valley appellation in the Sonoma Coast. Known for its cool, foggy mornings and sunny, warm days, Green Valley offers a combination perfectly suited for growing Pinot noir grapes with bright fruit flavors and impeccably balanced acids.

Bill and Lauren Hipp hand tend to this tiny sustainably farmed I-acre vineyard with great attention to detail. The vertical shoots are carefully positioned to let every cluster hang in on its own in dappled sunlight, slowly developing the robust berry flavors that this area is so well known for. Each winter, canes from the vineyard are composted and worked back into the soil providing rich nutrients for both the vines and the lush insectary flowers along the vineyard edge that attract beneficial insects and eliminate the need for pesticides. But most importantly, the vineyard host is Huckleberry, the very friendly dog, who greets all who visit with a great big smile.