



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Leras Family Vineyards, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road and called God's Little Acre, is planted with Pommard clones that were planted in the 1980s, as well as newer vine clones Beringer Heritage, 115, 667 and 777. This vineyard embodies earthiness and minerals, the signature of Pinot Noir grown in the Russian River Valley.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone and vineyard during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we hand-punch each fermenter, up to four times a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Frères French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ben R. Papapietro'.

TASTING NOTES

Yet again, Leras shows how great Russian River Valley Pinot Noir can be. Pretty, high-toned red fruits framed by a harmonious blend of cinnamon and clove spice notes on the nose. The palate delivers pure red fruit flavors. Sweet flavored cherry followed by fresh raspberry and cranberry are evidenced as the wine opens. Excellent structure with great length, the vibrant acidity really makes this wine dance. It's one of those compelling wines that makes you go back for another sip before you know it! Stock up.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 2015
Alcohol:	13.8%
T.A.:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.68
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	10 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 2016
Production:	719 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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