



## 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.

## TASTING NOTES

We continuously taste Pinot Noirs from the Russian River Valley, and we find Leras Family Vineyards always delivers a classic representation of the region. But, from vintage to vintage we find it can vary. 2015 offered deep, wildly concentrated wine, while the 2016 vintage is focused with a complex nose of red fruit and earthy notes. Delicious high notes of Rainier cherry, raspberry and rhubarb flavors are woven with threads of earth and minerality, all framed by a touch of sweet toasty oak. The refreshing acidity and soft tannins at the finish make this a killer wine with food.

## WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	August 29, 2016
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.8%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.3 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.78
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 7, 2017
<b>Production:</b>	957 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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