



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

What started out as an experiment, has turned into a permanent part of our program due to the overwhelming popularity. The 777 Clones continues to amaze and delight each year.

This wine is made from grapes harvested from a number of our favorite vineyards, giving us flavors from five different soils and micro climates. All these vineyards blended together allow us to create a complete, full-bodied wine from just one clone. Each vineyard provides an element of flavor that makes this one of the best wines we produce.

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

Our 777 Clones is another compelling blending exercise that we are so excited we started making. Inviting from the outset, this vibrant ruby red wine just looks amazing in the glass. There's seductive and pretty, purple and red fruit kissed by a touch of oak on the nose, with perfume notes emerging as the wine opens. The wines aromas are beautiful, but in the palate, it is magnificent! Red and black raspberry with tart cherry flavors wrapped in subtle warm barrel spice conduct a symphony on the palate. It's hard to differentiate the sweet from the tart flavors, kind of like hibiscus tea. All delivered in a medium-bodied wine with mouthwatering acidity and a super long finish. This wine is special. Enjoy now and in years to come.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 9, 2017
Alcohol:	13.9%
T.A.:	6.6 g/L
pH:	3.67
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 70% new, 30% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 8 2018
Production:	578 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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