



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'll say it again: Leras Family Vineyard *is the* classic expression of Russian River Valley fruit. The 2017 Leras Family is an enticing, refined expression of this region. A complex nose, the wine starts with its typical burst of red fruit with good measure of the classic RRV earth and dirt. Elegant perfume notes follow as the wine continues to open. On the palate, a delicious interplay of sweet and tart red fruit flavors entertains with raspberry, strawberry, subtle cherry notes and plenty of earth and dust. As the wine opens, the mouthfeel broadens and subtle orange peel flavors emerge. Some RRV Pinots can be too big. But not ours, this vintage offers us a more restrained year and we are loving it! Begs for salmon, paella or pork with grilled peaches and plums.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	August 31, 2017
Alcohol:	13.5%
T.A.:	6.0 g/L
pH:	3.68
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 10, 2018
Production:	973 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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