



PAPAPIETRO  
PERRY

2017

*Russian River Valley*  
P I N O T N O I R

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards from this appellation. We include these vineyards— Leras Family, Peters, Nunes, Bucher, and Vin Noy as well as others that we may want to try. We add new vineyards to this blend to see if they'll fit our flavor profile and become a vineyard designate in future vintages. Each vineyard holds its own distinction; and we feel that the fruit is among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

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.

*Ben R. Papapietro*

### TASTING NOTES

This year's RRV blend had us shaking our heads and refilling our glasses. Spicy, earthy red fruit Pinot Noir from RRV. So good! Sweet earth (I think we made that up, but you'll see what we mean!) some oak and red raspberry are on the nose, with prettier, more nuanced, fruit and earth notes coming on as the wine breathes. The flavor profile rides a wonderful line between earth and fruit. There are cherry, raspberry and pomegranate flavors that weave their way around a compelling line of clean earth and dust. As the wine opens more oak influence emerges with fresh tea and mineral notes. The compelling flavors are delivered with refreshing acidity and a light dusting of skin tannin that pull this classy Russian River Valley wine together.

Take your pick for pairing this wine. It'll make nearly anything sing. Especially if there are mushrooms involved.

### WINE PROFILE

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| <b>Varietal:</b>     | 100% Pinot Noir   |
| <b>Appellation:</b>  | Russian River Valley  |
| <b>Harvest Date:</b> | September 5, 2017   |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>      | 13.9%   |
| <b>T.A.:</b>         | 6.1 g/l   |
| <b>pH:</b>           | 3.67  |
| <b>RS:</b>           | Dry   |
| <b>Cooperage:</b>    | 11 months in<br>Francois Frères<br>French oak,<br>1/3 new<br>1/3 1 year-old<br>1/3 2 year-old |
| <b>Bottled:</b>      | August 16, 2018   |
| <b>Production:</b>   | 752 cases / 750ml   |

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