

2018

777 CLONES

Russian River Valley

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, fullbodied 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 Fréres French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling. BenR Capapucho

TASTING NOTES

A polished and well-structured wine, our 777 Pinot Noir offers an inviting, seductive nose of raspberry, cherry and white floral notes that show through the oak influence. The aroma is fresh, clean and stylish, promising a refined sip to follow. Initially, juicy black cherry, tart raspberry, cranberry and subtle oak harmoniously wash over the palate. As the wine opens, warm spices emerge. The beautiful red berry, oak and spice flavors merge with balanced acidity and a tart apple finish. This elegant Pinot perfectly complements rack of lamb, a juicy rib eye steak or wild mushroom risotto.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 9, 2018

Alcohol: 13.62%

T.A.: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.65

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères French

oak, 70% new,

30% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 8 2019

574 cases / 750ml **Production:**

16 cases / 1.5L

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