



## 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ben R. Papapietro'.

## TASTING NOTES

An elegant yet complex nose of ripened red fruits, crème brûlée, subtle baking spices, oak and earth instantly appears when the wine is uncorked. Juicy, fresh-picked raspberry and cherry flavors drive this wine, with more sweet oak and cola emerging as the wine opens. The balanced acidity leaves a lingering, smooth finish, making each sip more satisfying than the last. Ideal pairings for this Leras Family Vineyards Pinot Noir are paella, cedar-planked salmon and herb-crusted rack of pork.

## WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	August 31, 2018
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.02%
<b>T.A.:</b>	5.9 g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.68
<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 21, 2019
<b>Production:</b>	1021 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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