



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

This impressive wine has a complex nose driven by fresh, high-toned red fruit and purple flowers infused with toasty crème brûlée notes. The seductive nose gains complexity as the wine opens. On the palate it's difficult to tell what flavor takes the lead. There's sweet raspberry, cherry and cranberry framed by crushed rock minerality and warm barrel toast notes. The complex flavors are heightened by balanced acidity. This is a long, classy mouthful of wine. Drinking noticeably well now and will gain complexity with some age.

WINE PROFILE

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| Varietal: | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Appellation: | Russian River Valley |
| Harvest Date: | September 13, 2019 |
| Alcohol: | 13.60% |
| T.A.: | 5.8 g/L |
| pH: | 3.64 |
| RS: | Dry |
| Cooperage: | 11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 70% new, 30% 1-2 year-old |
| Bottled: | August 6 2020 |
| Production: | 582 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L |

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