

2019

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

<u>Russian River Valley</u> PINOT NOIR

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

Ben R. Capapiello

## **TASTING NOTES**

The wine starts with striking ruby color and deep red fruit aromas. As the wine opens, an expressive cherry and strawberry nose are joined by pretty perfume and caramel oak notes. The palate really delivers with a seamless, clean mix of fruit cherry, rhubarb and strawberry, and Russian River Valley minerality. Just the right amount of acidity to elevate the flavors. This wine has a depth of flavor, texture and a super long finish. This is a classic representation of Pinot Noir.

## WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation**: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 11, 2019

**Alcohol:** 14.00%

**T.A.:** 6.1 g/L

**pH**: 3.61

**RS:** Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 17, 2020

**Production:** 1018 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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