



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is a truly special wine. The Peters Vineyard has long been one of our highest praised vineyards. Its location on a high ridge south of Sebastopol and its Gold Ridge soil are a wonderful foundation for excellent fruit. The vineyard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the morning and evening, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine. Planted with Pommard, 115 and 777 clones, this vineyard produces incredible fruit. The 'best of the best' Pommard and 777 clones are carefully selected every year for this special. We chose the best grapes, whole-berry fermented and after aging selected the best 8 barrels to bottle as the Mukaida Vineyard.

This outstanding wine is named in honor of Tom Mukaida, whom we sadly lost in 2013. Tom was the beloved father-in-law of Randy Peters, one of our long-standing growers and a 3rd generation farmer. Tom began his farming career with apples. In the early 80s Randy convinced him there was a future in grapes and encouraged him to convert his apple orchards into vineyards. And we're very glad he did. By combining Tom's finely honed farming skills with an ideal locale on Bodega Highway, they created a vineyard that produces the spectacular fruit we enjoy today.

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

TASTING NOTES

Peters Vineyard offered another amazing harvest that Ben and his team once again crafted into another stellar wine for our Mukaida allocation in 2019. This polished beauty starts with an inviting nose of dark berries, cherry and white flowers with the perfect dose of toasty graham cracker notes from the oak. On the palate this complex, tightly knit wine is still juicy and mouthwatering. The flavors are driven at first by dark raspberry and cherry with the characteristic caramel and vanilla spice notes. As the wine opens, red fruit flavors give way to darker stone fruit, fresh plum and hints of blackberry. The wine is generous and lush with a super long finish delivered by just the right measure of fresh acidity.

This wine can certainly be enjoyed on its own, but if we had our way, we would pair this Mukaida with spring lamb or pork cooked with herbs and mushrooms.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 21, 2019
Alcohol:	14.00%
T.A.:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.62
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 80% new, 20% 1 year-old
Bottled:	August 8, 2020
Production:	226 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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