

2019

Nunes vineyards

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located on the last of Russian River Valley's alluvial bench with its silty clay loam soil, Nunes Vineyard provides us perfectly ripened 115, 667, 777 clonal grapes vintage after vintage. The valley's renowned fog is a natural cooling system influencing from two directions, the Pacific Ocean from the West, and San Francisco Bay from the South, the perfect condition for a long cool growing season. Fred and Wendy Nunes combine a passion for growing Pinot Noir with a comprehensive knowledge of their vineyard and the science that drives it. Between Mother nature and the Nunes', this vineyard has all the components we need to produce stellar Pinot Noir that speaks from the vineyard.

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.

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TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Nunes Vineyard Pinot offers loads of complexity, starting with the nose—a seductive blend of barrel toast and deep, concentrated dark cherry and raspberry that jumps out of the glass. The palate reveals raspberry, dark cherry and blackberry all woven with well-integrated toasty oak notes. High tone pomegranate and dried raspberry appear as the wine opens. Fresh acidity, a solid structure and the depth of flavors allow the complexity to build through the long finish. Simply a stunning wine.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 12, 2019

Alcohol: 13.50%

T.A.: 6.6 g/l

pH: 3.45

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% new.

50% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 18, 2020

Production: 619 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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