



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2019

POMMARD CLONES

Russian River Valley
P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're still doing it! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one consistently shines as one of the best wines we produce.

Our Pommard Clones, which was the first clone growing in the Russian River Valley, release comes from a variety of vineyards in the Russian River Valley, including Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road, Bucher Vineyards on Westside Road and Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, and they are always special. Each has the great characteristics of the Pommard Clone; deep flavors with rich mouth feel, and vibrant flavors unique to each site. While at first blending them was an experiment, we were so pleased with the results that we cherry-pick the best barrels each year from each lot and bottle them.

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

The 2019 Pommard Pinot reflects the excellent lots of wine that went into this blend. A complex nose shows red and purple fruit wrapped in warm baking spice notes. The palate reveals black cherry, raspberry and strawberry framed with medium acidity and well-integrated oak. As the wine opens, nuanced purple fruit, like fresh plum and blackberry, emerge. This well-balanced wine delivers velvety, complex flavors with a long, expansive finish. Wish we'd made more!

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 4, 2019
Alcohol:	13.70%
T.A.:	5.4 g/l
pH:	3.73
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 70% new, 30% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 7, 2020
Production:	594 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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