

2019

Russian River Valley
PINOT NOIR

## **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards from this appellation. We include these vineyards— Leras Family, Peters, Nunes, Bucher, and Vin Noy as well as others that we may want to try. We add new vineyards to this blend to see if they'll fit our flavor profile and become a vineyard designate in future vintages. Each vineyard holds its own distinction; and we feel that the fruit is among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

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**

Vintage 2019 produced some spectacular wines, especially those produced from Russian River Valley grapes. Our Russian River Valley blend starts with a burst of red fruit aromas. The palate offers concentrated layers of red fruit driven by ripe cherry and fresh raspberry, with supporting flavors of black tea, minerality and a kiss of barrel sweetness. Good depth, density and polish confirm the quality of this vintage and the vineyards.

## **WINE PROFILE**

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation**: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 4, 2019

**Alcohol:** 13.90%

**T.A.:** 5.9 g/l

**pH**: 3.64

**RS:** Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, ½ new ½ 1 year-old ½ 2 year-old

Bottled: August 18, 2020

**Production:** 1072 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5 l

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