



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

What started out as an experiment, has turned into a permanent part of our program due to the overwhelming popularity. The 777 Clones continues to amaze and delight each year.

This wine is made from grapes harvested from a number of our favorite vineyards, giving us flavors from five different soils and micro climates. All these vineyards blended together allow us to create a complete, full-bodied wine from just one clone. Each vineyard provides an element of flavor that makes this one of the best wines we produce.

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

This four vineyard 777 blend is always a real crowd pleaser. Deep garnet in color with an enticing nose full of clean red fruit with pleasing fresh herbs and sweet spicy oak that presents itself as the wine opens. On the palate, a flood of vibrant Bing cherry, raspberry and minerality, with subtle hints of fresh blueberry and herbs emerge. This delicious blend has great structure and acidity, an impressive mid-palate and super long finish. This wine already sings, but should age gracefully for those willing to wait a bit longer.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 13, 2020
Alcohol:	13.40%
T.A.:	5.9 g/L
pH:	3.67
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 70% new, 30% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 16 2021
Production:	608 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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