

2020

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Leras Family Vineyards, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road and called God's Little Acre, is planted with Pommard clones that were planted in the 1980s, as well as newer vine clones Beringer Heritage, 115, 667 and 777. This vineyard embodies earthiness and minerals, the signature of Pinot Noir grown in the Russian River Valley.

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

This wine captures all the promise of Russian River Valley fruit. The bright ruby red color and aromatics are a nuanced blend of cherry, strawberry, rhubarb, and earth, with subtle perfume and blue fruit notes emerging as the wine opens. On the palate, tightly knit strawberry and dark cherry flavors combine with fresh Russian River Valley earth and subtle oak notes. The refined flavor profile is delivered with plenty of fresh acidity and a wonderful mid-palate burst of sweetness that carries the wine through a lingering finish. This silky, medium-bodied wine keeps you coming back for more.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 11, 2020

Alcohol: 14.05%

T.A.: 5.8 g/L

pH: 3.67

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 17, 2021

Production: 1028 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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