



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is a truly special wine. The Peters Vineyard has long been one of our highest praised vineyards. Its location on a high ridge south of Sebastopol and its Gold Ridge soil are a wonderful foundation for excellent fruit. The vineyard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the morning and evening, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine. Planted with Pommard, 115 and 777 clones, this vineyard produces incredible fruit. The 'best of the best' Pommard and 777 clones are carefully selected every year for this special. We chose the best grapes, whole-berry fermented and after aging selected the best 8 barrels to bottle as the Mukaida Vineyard.

This outstanding wine is named in honor of Tom Mukaida, whom we sadly lost in 2013. Tom was the beloved father-in-law of Randy Peters, one of our long-standing growers and a 3rd generation farmer. Tom began his farming career with apples. In the early 80s Randy convinced him there was a future in grapes and encouraged him to convert his apple orchards into vineyards. And we're very glad he did. By combining Tom's finely honed farming skills with an ideal locale on Bodega Highway, they created a vineyard that produces the spectacular fruit we enjoy today.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Randy Peters'.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2020 vintage represents what we always expect in the Mukaida perfectly: delicious, concentrated fruit with lots of complexity and structure. The deep garnet wine starts with an effusive nose of fresh blue and red fruits with warm oak notes. On the palate, tightly woven black raspberry and Bing cherry flavors up front lead to fresh pomegranate on the finish. The concentrated fruit flavors are infused with wonderful baking spice flavors and caramel. The mouthfeel is lush and expansive with mouthwatering acidity creating a compelling mouthful of wine all the way through a super long finish.

This Mukaida can always be appreciated on its own, but spring lamb or pork, cooked with herbs and mushrooms would make a heroic pairing.

## WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 21, 2020
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.74%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.1 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.62
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 80% new, 20% 1 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 23, 2021
<b>Production:</b>	229 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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