



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located on the last of Russian River Valley's alluvial bench with its silty clay loam soil, Nunes Vineyard provides us perfectly ripened 115, 667, 777 clonal grapes vintage after vintage. The valley's renowned fog is a natural cooling system influencing from two directions, the Pacific Ocean from the West, and San Francisco Bay from the South, the perfect condition for a long cool growing season. Fred and Wendy Nunes combine a passion for growing Pinot Noir with a comprehensive knowledge of their vineyard and the science that drives it. Between Mother nature and the Nunes', this vineyard has all the components we need to produce stellar Pinot Noir that speaks from the vineyard.

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.

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## TASTING NOTES

Nunes Vineyard Pinot Noirs are consistently impressive in many forms; everything from lighter-bodied, red fruit stunners to brooding blue and purple fruit versions. Dark ruby in color, the complex nose starts with loads of spice and ripe red fruit. As the wine opens, there are more blue fruit notes, earth and warm barrel toast. The wine has a major impact on the palate. Vibrant, concentrated cherry, raspberry and strong tea notes at the outset with riper plum and dried fruits showing as the wine opens. The intense flavors are delivered via finely tuned tannins and acidity. There is a lot to admire in this beautifully textured wine.

## WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 12, 2020
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.09%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.1 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.59
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 16, 2021
<b>Production:</b>	649 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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