

2021

777 CLONES

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

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 3, 2021

Alcohol: 13.41%

T.A.: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.61

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French

oak, 70% new,

30% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 5, 2022

Production: 584 cases / 750ml

12 cases / 1.5L

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 Fréres French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

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TASTING NOTES

This vineyard blend of 777 Clones is truly a superb wine that can be enjoyed now or impressively aged. The color shows depth and the enticing nose is full of toasty oak, red fruit, and fresh herbs. Moving into a smooth mouthfeel, the hints of cherry, plum and cola flavors are balanced and flood your palate with gentle acidity. Balanced and complex is the definition of the 777 Clones. This blend continues to be a star among our wines. This wine will age gracefully and your patience will reward you every time.

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