



## 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.

  
OWNER/EXECUTIVE WINEMAKER

  
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## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 vintage is a stellar representation of what we expect from Mukaida. The top ten barrels of the Peters Vineyard Pinot Noir are selected and comprised of a blend of the oldest vines from the 777 and Pommard clones. This deep garnet-colored wine starts with intense aromatics of fresh blue and red fruits with toasty oak, spice, and caramel. On the palate, there is an abundance of structure with rich cherry flavors up front leading into a juicy, vibrant acidity. This elegant wine is full-bodied with concentrated deep flavors that expand into velvety soft tannins and end with a long, smooth finish.

This Mukaida Pinot Noir is a compelling mouthful of wine that invites you to savor every sip

## WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 11, 2021
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.4%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.0 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.64
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 80% new, 20% 1 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 8, 2022
<b>Production:</b>	227 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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