

2021

Russian River Valley
PINOT NOIR

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend from carefully selected vineyards from this appellation. We include these vineyards— Leras Family, Peters, Nunes, Bucher, and Vin Noy as well as others that we may want to try. We add new vineyards to this blend to see if they'll fit our flavor profile and become a vineyard designate in future vintages. Each vineyard holds its own distinction; and we feel that the fruit is among the best the Russian River Valley has to offer.

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.

Ben R. apapietro OWNER/EXECUTIVE WINEMAKER

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## **TASTING NOTES**

The Russian River Valley impressively captures a magnificent blend of multiple vineyards. The bright ruby color showcases a stunning beginning to this silky, medium-bodied wine. Sweet red fruits with some spicy and earthy notes on the nose lead into a very smooth, soft mid palate. The wine opens up with strawberry and crisp cranberry notes as the smaller berries give concentrated flavors of cherry and cola that continue through the lush finish. This wine has the versatility to drink with your favorite meal or is perfect on its own.

## **WINE PROFILE**

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation**: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 2, 2021

**Alcohol:** 13.93%

**T.A.:** 6.0 g/l

**pH**: 3.61

**RS:** Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, ½ new ½ 1 year-old ½ 2 year-old

Bottled: August 8, 2022

**Production:** 996 cases / 750ml

15 cases / 1.5 l

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