

2021

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Leras Family Vineyards, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road and called God's Little Acre, is planted with Pommard clones that were planted in the 1980s, as well as newer vine clones Beringer Heritage, 115, 667 and 777. This vineyard embodies earthiness and minerals, the signature of Pinot Noir grown in the Russian River Valley.

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.



Dave Low
WINEMAKER

TASTING NOTES

This wine begins with a beautiful garnet color and inviting clear red fruit aromas. As the wine opens, impressive notes of caramel, crushed rock and barrel toast are expressed. The palate bursts with juicy sweet red fruit of cherry and strawberry with hints of rhubarb and pomegranate lingering on the palate. The wine is very well balanced and extremely lush but still shows bright acidity on the finish. Already showing great character, this wine will continue to shine with a bit more age. This is a classic representation of the Russian River Valley.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 11, 2021

Alcohol: 14.2%

T.A.: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.57

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 15, 2022

Production: 988 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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