



# PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2021

POMMARD CLONES

*Russian River Valley*  
P I N O T N O I R

## 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>	5.6 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.71
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 70% new, 30% 1-2 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 16, 2022
<b>Production:</b>	583 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're still doing it! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one consistently shines as one of the best wines we produce.

Our Pommard Clones, which was the first clone growing in the Russian River Valley, release comes from a variety of vineyards in the Russian River Valley, including Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road, Bucher Vineyards on Westside Road and Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, and they are always special. Each has the great characteristics of the Pommard Clone; deep flavors with rich mouth feel, and vibrant flavors unique to each site. While at first blending them was an experiment, we were so pleased with the results that we cherry-pick the best barrels each year from each lot and bottle them.

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.

*Ben R. Papapietro*  
OWNER/EXECUTIVE WINEMAKER

*Dave Low*  
WINEMAKER

## TASTING NOTES

This impressive wine has a complex nose driven by deep red and blue fruit flavors and toasty oak. The aromas gain complexity as the wine opens. On the palate, you can't miss the blackberry, purple plum and earthy notes with generous caramel and toast flavors. This complex blend is enhanced by a balanced acidity and some fine grain tannins, making this wine extremely remarkable. Drinking noticeably well now, age will provide added depth. Once you taste this unique blended clone you will agree it is extraordinary.

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