



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2024

LERAS FAMILY VINEYARDS

Russian River Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Leras Family Vineyards, affectionately known as "God's Little Acre," is located in the heart of the Russian River Valley off Woolsey Road. The Leras family's farming legacy in Sonoma County dates back to 1918, with the current vineyard now managed by the third generation of grape growers.

The vineyard was planted in the late 80s with a combination of Pommard clones and newer vine clones, including Beringer Heritage, 115, 667, and 777. This diverse clonal selection contributes to the vineyard's reputation for producing high-quality Pinot Noir grapes that embody the earthiness and mineral characteristics signature to the Russian River Valley.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Over the years, we've refined our winemaking techniques to celebrate the unique qualities of our Pinot Noirs. Each clone and vineyard lot is fermented and aged separately, providing us with a diverse range of blending options. The process begins with a two- to three-day cold soak to extract color and flavor, followed by fermentation with specially selected yeast strains ideal for Pinot Noir. Fermentation lasts seven to twelve days, during which we hand-punch the fermenters up to four times daily to maintain precise temperatures. After fermentation, the wine is pressed and aged in François Frères oak barrels for a minimum of 11 months, allowing it to develop complexity and depth before bottling.

Ben R. Papapietro
OWNER/EXECUTIVE WINEMAKER

Dave Low
WINEMAKER

TASTING NOTES

The beautiful baked-cherry color reveals richness and depth, while the nose is led by Bing cherry with supporting notes of strawberry and rhubarb. As the wine opens, darker cherry aromas emerge, followed by fresh plum with additional air. The palate emerges clean and precise, showing flavors of strawberry, rhubarb, black raspberry, and dark cherry. Subtle brambly and earthy notes add complexity, while hints of toasty oak provide a polished frame. Delicate notes of vanilla and caramel add depth without overpowering the fruit. The mouthfeel is beautifully structured, with well-integrated acidity that provides grip and freshness. A firm, focused texture with a subtle, dry finish strikes just the right balance - a classic representation of the Russian River Valley and all the characteristics of the vineyard.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: August 23-29, 2024

Alcohol: 13.9%

T.A.: 5.7 g/L

pH: 3.6

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 Months in François Frères French Oak
50% New
50% One & two year old

Bottled: August 7, 2025

Production: 956 cases / 750ml

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