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VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation:
Green Valley of
Russian River Valley

Alcohol:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.66

Titrateable Acidity:
5.6 g/L

Aged in Oak:
100%
35% New Oak

Origin of Oak:
French

Months in Barrel:
10

Production:
247 cases

2016 GREEN VALLEY PINOT NOIR

IN THE VINEYARD

In the western hills of the Russian River Valley, the small Green Valley appellation is one of Sonoma County's coolest regions. Evening fog rolls in over from the Pacific Ocean to temper the warm summer days. These optimal conditions extend the growing season, encouraging flavor concentration in the berries while soils rich in minerals from an ancient seabed infuse the fruit with nuanced flavors.

FROM THE WINEMAKER

This wine is a blend from several vineyards and Pinot Noir clones, each of which contributes something unique to the finished wine. The backbone of the blend is from the Swicegood Vineyard (Clone 777, 667, 115) where the soils are reminiscent of those in Burgundy: rich in clay and calcareous. The late-ripening Ferguson Vineyard (Swan Clone) lends dark, intense fruit and tannins while the Giberti Vineyard (Clone 115) ripens earlier in a slightly warmer area of the valley. Grapes are destemmed and go through native fermentation in open-top vats with hand punchdowns before being aged in French oak barrels, 35% new oak, for 10 months.

TASTING NOTES

Bright red in color, this pretty Pinot Noir opens with aromas of red fruits, with a hint of vanilla, nutmeg and a touch of cola. Flavors of tart cherry, cranberry and gingerbread spread across the palate and are accented by notes of minerality. This medium bodied wine is bright and lively, boasting with silky texture and a long finish.

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker