



APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL

14%

AGING

Aged in 20% new French oak barrels for 10 months

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5.4 g/L

PH

3.52

2018

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

IN THE VINEYARD

To create our 2018 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, grapes were predominantly hand-harvested from the certified Sonoma Sustainable BCD Vineyard and Murray Vineyard as well as the Heintz Vineyard which is in the process of certification. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards contributes their unique complexities to the final blend.

The BCD Vineyard consists of five distinct blocks within the vineyard with soils varying from Huichica clay loam to heavier clay being found in some of the lower lying portions of the vineyard. Located in the town of Occidental, the Heintz Vineyard is located in the Green Valley sub AVA and is planted to four distinct clones. The Swan and Pommard clones have traditionally provided a concentrated mouthfeel and earthy characteristics to the wines made from the vineyard, while the 113 and Beringer clones bring more spice and tannic intensity to the wines. The Murray Vineyard, located in the cooler Llano region of the Russian River Valley, contributes a rich, plush mouthfeel with raspberry and dark cherry characteristics.

2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season started off with cooler temperatures which was followed by a moderate summer with fewer heat spikes than normal. Fruit set was consistent and with the milder weather, harvest began a few weeks later compared to the last few years. This longer and near-perfect growing season has resulted in structured and concentrated wines.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A beautiful ruby red color in the glass, this Pinot Noir opens with bright red fruit aromas of strawberry and cherry. Raspberry, rhubarb and dark plum flavors are met with a touch of spice and bright acidity. This is a medium-bodied wine with moderate tannins and a lingering and mouthwatering finish.

