



Pinot Noir

GREEN VALLEY

GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE 2021

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.

CONVERSATIONS WITH 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 late-ripening Ferguson Vineyard (Swan Clone) which lends dark, intense fruit and tannins to the wine. The Giberti Vineyard (Clone 115) ripens earlier in a slightly warmer area of the valley while the Swicegood Vineyard (Clone 777, 667, 115) has soils that are reminiscent of those in Burgundy: rich in clay and calcareous. Grapes are destemmed and go through native fermentation in open-top vats with hand punchdowns before being aged in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Right from the glass, you encounter the immediate, enticing aroma of luscious black cherry, delicately embellished with warm cinnamon. Beneath this initial impression, you'll discover intricate layers of vibrant raspberry and ripe red cherry flavors, harmoniously entwined with creamy vanilla and aromatic baking spice. A well-balanced, moderate acidity and velvety, firm round tannins combine to craft an exquisite, luxurious texture on the palate. This journey culminates in a drawn-out and profoundly charming finish that lingers on the senses.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
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ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.54

TA: 5.5 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak, 18% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 10

