

Ernest Vineyards

Bohemian Series

Cleary Freestone Ranch

Pinot Noir / 2019

Sonoma Coast

THE VINEYARD: Cleary Freestone Ranch encompasses the 14 acres of Ernest's vines in foggy Freestone Valley. Only 7 miles from the Pacific, it is one of the coldest areas in all of west Sonoma Coast with the marine layer lingering well into mid-day and returning late afternoon. Goldridge soil with clay peppering closer to Salmon Creek. The extremely cool climate allows for extended hang time before harvest delivering deep complexity..

WINEMAKING: "In our 14 acres of Estate Pinot Noir in Freestone Valley, we have been identifying a lot of variation in ripeness based on soils, aspects and orientations. Two blocks at opposing ends of the vineyards blend to make this unique examination of site. On the north end, the longer hang time lends to well lignified wood and whole cluster fermentations. On the southern end, very small blocks of 667 and 115 clones maintain the essence of this site through their aromatics. Gentle cap management during fermentation, responding to the wine vs predetermining its destination, let us know this was special going into barrel. Aged entirely in Puncheon. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered." - Joseph Ryan

TASTING NOTES: Deep garnet with a slight purple undertone, seductive notes of red plums, red cherries, ripe blackberries laced with red roses and mushrooms. A plethora of juicy red fruits highlighted by the brightest acidity and supple tannins yield an assertive, complex, elegant experience on the palate with decadent flavors and a vibrant, lingering finish.

ALC. BY VOL: 12.5%

AGING: 40% NEW FRENCH OAK

LENGTH: 18 MONTHS

WINEMAKER: JOSEPH RYAN

CASES PRODUCED: 100

CLONES: 777, 667, 115

HARVEST DATE: 10.14.2019

HARVEST BRIX: 22

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