

# Ernest Vineyards

## *Cleary Freestone Ranch Vineyard*

### *Pinot Noir / 2019*

#### *Sonoma Coast*

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**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:** The workhorse blocks of our 14 acres of PN in Freestone Valley lead a beautiful and juicy attack on this wine. Peppered with a little bit of stems to balance out its naturally high acidity, this is one of the most complete wines we've made off of our land. The organic farming practices are paying off, lending naturally low yields as the vines find their balance without much intervention from us. Some of the best chemistry and fermentation curves I've seen off of these blocks. Aged in mostly 500L puncheons with some new 228L barrels for 18 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered. - Joseph Ryan

**TASTING NOTES:** Garnet in color revealing focused red cherry, plums, wild bramble, and undisturbed forest floor on the nose. The cool growing season delivers supple tannins framing bright, natural acidity and a purity of fruit traced with ginger and nutmeg.

**ALC. BY VOL:** 12.7%

**AGING:** 38% NEW FRENCH OAK

**LENGTH:** 18 MONTHS

**WINEMAKER:** JOSEPH RYAN

**CASES PRODUCED:** 150

**CLONES:** 777, 667, 115

**HARVEST DATE:** 10.14.2019

**HARVEST BRIX:** 22.5

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