

# METZKER

FAMILY ESTATES

PINOT NOIR  
Russian River Valley  
2021



**Varietal:** Pinot Noir

**AVA:** Russian River Valley

**Vineyard:** Arnoud

**Clone:** 667, 23, Swan, LaTache

**Harvest Date:** September 3rd, 2021

**Fermentation:** 100% Destemmed and  
Stainless-Steel Tank Fermented

**Aging:** 65% New French Oak for  
19 Months

**Alcohol:** 14.5 %

**Production:** 170 Cases



## Vintage:

2021 was a beautifully uneventful vintage for the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast after an extremely difficult fire season the previous year. Rain was minimal and weighted towards the first month of the year. Temperatures were moderate overall with no concerning heat spikes. A cool, mild Spring allowed the vines to have a healthy bloom and set, and the warm temperatures at veraison allowed the fruit to ripen quickly. Yields were on the low side due to the continued drought and chilly winter, allowing for deep extraction of the fruit, but with an elegant, ethereal quality to the wine. After a very difficult 2020 vintage, we are both humbled and thrilled to be making wine again under such optimum conditions.

## Tasting Notes:

Our 2021 Russian River Valley Arnoud Vineyard Pinot Noir is sourced from the famed Middle Reach area, known for its ideal climate and ripe Pinot Noir character. Fresh aromas of black cherry and strawberry lead to a juicy richness on the palate. Nutmeg and bergamot add nuance and spice. The wine is fleshy but balanced. Layers of red and dark fruit meld generously, kissed with just a touch of milk chocolate.

