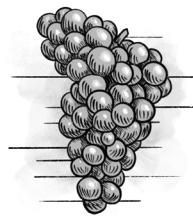# 2022 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir
The Heartland of California Pinot Noir

Our Appellation Series wines embody our unwavering commitment to exploration and the artistry of crafting soulful, thought-provoking wines that pay homage to the world's extraordinary terroirs.

Most vineyards in the Russian River Valley share a common influence—the cooling effect that follows the river inland from the Pacific coast. The resulting fog gracefully envelops the vines at night, providing a crucial respite from the daytime heat. These diurnal temperature shifts delicately slow down ripening, nurturing nuanced flavors in the grapes, earning this region its well-deserved title as the heartland of California Pinot Noir.

This year's blend proudly features our Bootlegger's Hill Estate vineyard alongside two cherished vineyard designates: Giusti Ranch and Keefer Ranch. Revealing enticing aromas of dark red cherry, blueberry, and raspberry, this Pinot Noir is both flavorful and poised. A refreshing lift gracefully traverses the palate, leading to a captivatingly long finish.

Fact of Note: This Russian River Valley blend was the longest to ferment in oak from our Appellation Series.

3% whole cluster

21% oak fermented

TA 5.61 g/L

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Bootlegger's Hill, Giusti Ranch, Keefer Ranch, Winner's Circle, Zio Tony, Moonshine, Jenkins Vineyard, Hop Kiln

CLONES 23, 37, Calera, Swan, Pommard, 115, 667, 777, 459, 828, Elite

TRELLISING VSP

SOIL Mainly Goldridge loam

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 61% stainless steel, 21% oak, 18% concrete; 3% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 38% New French oak, 52% neutral oak and 10% oak foudre/cask for 16 months; 3% whole cluster

ALCOHOL 14.1%

pH 3.68

TA 5.61 g/L

TASTING NOTES

NOSE Pronounced dark red cherry, intertwined with layers of blackberry and blueberry.

MOUTH Pomegranate and bramble fruit notes are effortlessly balanced with a refreshing acidity, culminating in a robust, enduring finish.