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Russian River Valley

VINTAGE 2022 · SONOMA COUNTY · PINOT NOIR

The Russian River Valley Pinot Noir elegantly conveys its sense of place. Superbly structured, it showcases an exquisite array of cranberries and cherry cola, complemented by savory spices and a hint of black tea.

VINTAGE OBSERVATIONS

Here we go again! After what looked like a promising season last fall, the first three months of the year became California's driest on record, marking the third year of mega-drought. As in past drought years, we closely monitored vine needs and soil moisture. Fortunately, a mild spring and summer, along with a beautiful August and the return of fog, helped us navigate this challenging season.

VINEYARD SOURCING

Our Owsley and Vine Hill vineyards in the Russian River Valley provided the Pinot Noir for this vintage. The Owsley ranch's dramatic temperature shifts from warm days to cool, foggy nights yield grapes with concentrated, complex flavors. Vine Hill's elevation changes of over 400 feet allow each ridge, slope, and valley to impart unique characteristics to the grapes. Combined with diverse soils, clones, high-density spacing, and rootstocks that limit excessive growth, the Owsley and Vine Hill vineyards produce a stunning array of elegant fruit.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Grapes were hand-picked early each morning into small bins, then hand-sorted and gently destemmed. The wine underwent a four-day cold soak followed by eight to twelve days of fermentation, with hand punch-downs in small, open-top fermenters. After fermentation, it was gently basket pressed and gravity racked into barrels, where it aged for 11 months before the final blend was assembled and bottled for an additional six months.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of sweet, spicy vanilla from the oak barrels enhance the wine's fresh earthiness. On the palate, smooth, fine tannins elevate the warm spices and vibrant red berry flavors. With balanced medium acidity and a juicy core, it finishes with medium length, capturing the finesse and complexity of the Russian River Valley.

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR

VINEYARDS: 55% OWSLEY, 43% VINE HILL, 2% LES PIERRES

FERMENTATION: 100% TANK

BARREL AGING: AGED FOR 11 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK, 33% NEW, 33% 1-YEAR-OLD, 33% 2-YEAR-OLD

ALCOHOL: 13.8% · **TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.0 G/L · **PH:** 3.60



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