



# LABRY PINOT NOIR

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2017

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### Vintage Notes

Following a very wet winter the 2017 growing season started off with moderate temperatures and what looked to be a long, perfect growing season. That is until an aggressive August heat spike ripped through Northern California causing many Pinot Noir and Chardonnay growers to make their first pass through the vineyards earlier than expected. After the spike rescinded warm temperatures returned and vintners in the Russian River Valley were able to harvest without incident and at optimal fruit condition, including the harvest team at the Tina Marie Vineyard.

### Source

Tina Marie Vineyard, Russian River Valley AVA

### Vineyard

The Tina Marie Vineyard is a unique vineyard that covers three overlapping appellations: Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast and Green Valley. Named in honor of Tina Marie, the late mother of Stephen Bessone, a co-owner of the vineyard along with veteran grape grower Ron Black. The Tina Marie Vineyard is in the heart of the Green Valley sub-appellation of Russian River Valley which is home to the area's famous Goldridge soils, which are sandy soils made up of an ancient seabed and volcanic ash deposits. The vineyard's Dijon clones 115, 667 & 777 benefit from the cool evenings and warm days, thus allowing the grapes to develop exceptional flavors over an extended ripening season. Tina Marie is one of the most esteemed vineyards in all Sonoma County and is a hillside vineyard that is marked by its densely planted rows.

### Winemaking

Fermented in French oak puncheons (500L barrels), punched down by hand daily, then gently basket pressed in a JLB basket press. Native yeast used for primary and secondary fermentation while the wine sat for 20 days on its skins. Inert racked once in its life, using all gravity flow and inert gas movements thus no violent pumping when transferring the wine. Sterile filtered prior to bottling. The Pinot Noir is then bottle aged until the following spring when it is released.

### Tasting Notes

Bing cherry, blackberry, orange pekoe tea, fresh tobacco leaf and dried lavender fill the glass. The wine enters the palate full, ripe and soft with red and black fruits along with notes of forest floor, dried lavender and bay leaf. Rich, yet polished and fruit forward along with a structured tannin profile in addition to a long, drawn out finish.

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### Variety

100% Pinot Noir

### Aging

Aged for 11 months in French Oak Barrels

### Soil Type

Goldridge Soils

### Cooperage

Remond Allier Forest - Medium Long Toast;  
Cadus Center of France Slow and Deep Toast

### Clones

Clones 115, 667 and 777

### ABV

14.4%

### Release Date

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