



LABRY PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2019

Vintage Notes

Heavy rains kicked off the 2019 growing season and resulted in shatter across many vineyards in Northern California, but eventually even the additional threat of mildew subsided to what many describe as a “classic” vintage for all of Northern California, including the Russian River Valley. Warm, dry weather continued into Autumn and the fruit coming into the winery was beautiful and despite mandatory power shut offs the finished wine was exemplary.

Source

Martin Ray Vineyard, Russian River Valley AVA

Vineyard

The fruit for our 2019 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir comes from the historic Martin Ray Vineyard. It is a mere 12 acres that has been planted with 6 different clones, most notably Clone 37 (also known as the Mt. Eden clone which references another historic winery on the eastern slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains), which Martin Ray brought from France in the 1930's. Sitting just beyond the eastern border of Green Valley on a sloping hill of enviously impressive Goldridge soil, which are sandy soils made up of an ancient seabed and volcanic ash deposits, and planted to notable Dijon clones such as 943, 828, 667 and 777. The Pinot Noir is then bottle aged until the following spring when it is released.

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 it's 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.

Tasting Notes

The 2019 Pinot Noir strikes a precarious balance between intensity and elegance. The subtle perfume of rose petals, Bing cherry and sandalwood comes across and is balanced with hints of brown baking spice and fresh turned earth. On the palate the wine is seamless and silky with flavors of raspberry compote, rhubarb, toffee, burnt orange peel and subtle black tea. These wines are enjoyable and rambunctious in their youth with the opportunity for prolonged aging in the cellar.

Variety

100% Pinot Noir

Soil Type

Goldridge Soils

Clones

Mt. Eden Heritage Clone #37;
Dijon Clones 943, 828, 667 and 777

Aging

Aged 11 months in 40% new,
60% once used Burgundy French oak barrels

Cooperage

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

ABV

14.30%

Release Date

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