



# LABRY PINOT NOIR

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2021

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### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season was beautifully consistent with mild temperatures throughout. A dry winter followed by low temperatures during flowering and fruit set resulted in reduced yields. Relatively mild temperatures in summer allowed for slow and even ripening, adding to the complexity and concentration of the fruit.

### SOURCE

Ross Station Vineyard, Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

### VINEYARD

The fruit for our 2021 Pinot Noir was sourced from a small 1.7 acre block known as Pumpkin Patch at Ross Station Vineyards just outside of Sebastopol. The majority of the block is planted to clone 667 while a small portion is planted to clone 115 on 101-14 rootstock. The vines were planted in 2000 on beautiful, sandy Gold Ridge series soils, which are ideal for producing world class Pinot Noir. While we at Labry refer to our Pinot Noir as Russian River Valley, the vineyard also falls within the boundaries of the Green Valley and Sonoma Coast AVAs.

### WINEMAKING

The wine was fermented in a French oak upright tank using native yeast from the vineyard. It spent 21 days on skins before being gently basket pressed and gravity fed to its aging vessels. The wine underwent natural malolactic fermentation in barrel, during which time it was stirred every other week. 11 months in 40% new, 60% once or twice used French oak barrels

### TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Labry Russian River Pinot Noir is truly stunning. Deceptively dark in color due to very low yields and small berries with thick skins, one might confuse the wine for a heavier red. That is until a swirl of the glass reveals a punchy red and blue fruit profile accompanied by hints of exotic spices and sandalwood telling the consumer that this intriguing wine is undoubtedly Pinot Noir. Upon entry, sweet Bing cherry and ripe plum flavors lead way to savory notes and a hint of orange pekoe tea. The firm acid and tannin balance along with the judicious use of fine French oak barrels results in a balanced, structured, fruit-forward Pinot Noir that will pair beautifully with a wide range of dishes or enjoyed on its own for well over a decade.

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#### VARIETY

100% Pinot Noir

#### SOIL TYPE

Gold Ridge Soils

#### CLONE

667

#### ABV

14.5%

#### 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

#### PRODUCTION SIZE & RELEASE DATE

270 Cases | Fall 2022



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