

2019 DCV10 PINOT NOIR – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



HISTORY

The Russian River Valley is perhaps the finest region for growing world-class Pinot Noir in all of California. The coastal climate is ideal with daily heating and cooling cycles that create the perfect conditions to cultivate this delicate grape. We produce just a small amount of Pinot Noir, hand selecting the most optimal fruit from one of our estate vineyards. Aged in small French oak barrels, this beautiful wine displays pure varietal characters and earthy nuances, true to the *terroir* of the Russian River Valley appellation.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season – fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This 2019 vintage displays wonderful aromatics of Bing cherry, blackberry and blueberry. Several more minutes of airing reveal notes of white pepper, black tea and cedar. On the palate, flavors of black cherry, red raspberry and cranberry come forward to integrate with hints of chai spice, rose petals and mushrooms. The tannins are velvety and smooth with a round, creamy mouthfeel. This delicious Pinot Noir is balanced with naturally high acidity and a long lingering finish.

90 Points
Wine Enthusiast

91 Points
Jeb Dunnuck

RELEASE DATE	May 2021
BLEND	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 23, 2019
ALCOHOL	13.8%
FERMENTATION	Fermented 12 days in T-bins with hand punchdowns 2–3 times per day; 25% whole cluster in fermenters.
BARREL AGING	10 months in French oak; 36% new oak
BRIX	Average 23.2
PH	3.75
TA	6.5g/L
SOILS	Clay loam soil on plains
VINE AGE	20 years
YIELDS	4–5 tons per acre

