

RON RUBIN
RUSSAIN RIVER VALLEY
2018
PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES

Bright cherry, cranberry, and raspberry aromas with hints of dill, fennel, and spice. The bouquet is rounded out with sweet vanilla and berry flavors, with a balanced and elegant finish. This very approachable wine offers mouth-filling, yet soft, tannins. Ripe fruit flavors are complemented by bright acidity and a gentle oak mid-palate. This complex and fruit-driven Pinot Noir pairs beautifully with fig and goat cheese crostinis, roasted duck, and rotisserie chicken.

VINTAGE

It was another remarkable vintage for Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. A fairly dry winter gave way to a wet early spring, delaying budbreak in the vineyards but providing ample moisture for our 2018 crop. Consistent and mild conditions during bloom and throughout the early growing season, along with a cooler than normal August, led to slow ripening and a later harvest. This long hang-time allowed for full flavor development.

TERROIR

Our Ron Rubin Pinot Noir expresses the character of Russian River Valley terroir, while reflecting the versatility of the region. Russian River Valley's morning fog, and cool coastal breezes from the Pacific Ocean, create ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. This allows for a 15-20% longer hang-time than that of neighboring areas, allowing our Pinot Noir to retain bright acidity and develop full-flavor maturity.

WINEMAKING

Our 2018 Pinot Noir was hand-picked, sorted, destemmed and put into open top fermenters, and was cold-soaked for 5-days. It was then fermented, pressed, and stored in French Oak barrels. In addition to growing these grapes on our Estate, we acquired fruit from a few local, family vineyards.

FERMENTATION/AGING

Open top stainless steel tank
Aged in 100% French Oak barrels, 20% new, for 10 months.



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ALC. 14.3%
PH 3.78
TA 5.4 g/L
CLOSURE Stelvin Twist-Off
Saranex Liner