



RUSSIAN RIVER VINEYARDS

2017 Emma's Vineyard Pinot Noir



Description:

One of Gio's favorite vineyards, Emma's is one he drives by on the way to his daughter's school. He took over farming the vineyard in 2019. Planted in 1998 to Dijon clones in prized Goldridge soils, it faces west and is organically farmed. For this vintage, he chose all clone 667, from the top of the hill, overlooking an apple orchard. Pure cherry pie with a ginger graham cracker crust, hint of orange bitters. With almost 80% new oak, one would expect this to be a barnstorming bruiser, but it's remarkably composed. The flavors are lush and the whole package just works beautifully. A Gold Medal winner at the 2020 SF Chronicle Competition.

Appellation:

Russian River Valley

Unique Qualities of Vineyard/Location:

Hillside, South facing, rocky soils, 1200 feet elevation

Fermentation Details:

Fermentation started in open top fermenters with pump over 2 times a day, then transferred to French oak barrels to finish secondary fermentation

Farming Technique & Maintenance:

Vertical, Cordon spur trained

Harvest Date: 10/6/2017

Cold soak: 3 Days

Ageing Process: 22 Months

Secondary Fermentation: Yes

Bottling Date: 8/6/19

Oak program: French Oak

New oak %: 80