



RUSSIAN RIVER VINEYARDS

2018 Austin Estate Pinot Noir

Description:

99 Points LA Invitational Best of Best Winner

San Francisco Chronicle Double Gold Winner

A Pinot lovers Pinot Noir with uncommon complexity and nuance. From the Austin Estate Vineyard, planted in 2006 by our Winemaker's predecessor and mentor, RRV Consulting Winemaker Anthony Austin. The grapes are grown from 100% Dijon clones and result is an exceptionally rich, dark fruit. Aging an additional year in the bottle before release produces an exquisitely layered wine with rich lush flavor from the concentrated fruit and herbal, spicy overtones. Smooth and velvety-soft on the palate, it is quite refined and yet very approachable. The 2018 Austin Pinot Noir can be enjoyed now or can be aged up to 15 years.

Appellation:

Green Valley of the Russian River Valley

Unique Qualities of Vineyard/Location:

The vineyard includes 5 Pinot Noir Clones, grown and harvested in separate blocks, remaining separated at the start of fermentation and combined at the right moment.

Fermentation Details:

Long, slow fermentation. Primary fermentation about 10-14 days

Farming Technique & Maintenance:

Vertical Cane Pruned

Cooperage:

Bel Air, Sirgue, Mercury

Harvest Date:

9/18/18

Cold soak:

7-10 Days

Aging Process:

22 Months

Secondary Fermentation:

Yes

Bottling Date:

8/7/20

Case production:

185

Oak program:

French Oak

New oak %:

65%

