



2017 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

We believe that the quality of wine we produce is only as good as the fruit we start with and the fruit for our 2017 vintage comes from the Gunsalus Vineyard, in the very cool Green Valley of the Russian River Valley AVA. We source from two separate blocks as we like to exhibit the unique characteristics of each block which showcases the fruity exuberance of California wine and the noble complexity of Burgundy.

Upon first swirl in the glass the aromas of violets, tangy raspberry, clove and tea leaves mingle together. Bright cherry and raspberry flavors are balanced with layers of cinnamon, and a touch of light oak. Smooth and round on the entry, the palate is rich, yet supple. Integrated tannins balance out the finish. If there ever was a Pinot Noir meant to be paired with food - this is it!

As always this fruit was handled to the same 'by-hand' treatment of all our Pinot Noirs. It was destemmed into open top fermenters for daily punch-downs which gently extract the flavor and body. After a gentle pressing the wine was inoculated for malo-lactic fermentation and barreled down to traditional burgundian barrels. The barrels used were 30% new French oak and 70% two year old French barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for 9 months. **238 cases produced.**

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