



## 2018 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

The Russian River Valley is now known as one of the premier locations for Pinot Noir on earth, and for good reason. The wines from this appellation consistently show the bright, fruity exuberance of California wine, while displaying some of the haunting nuances of its homeland in Burgundy. For our 2018 vintage we source the grapes from the Gunsalus Vineyard, in the very cool Green Valley of the Russian River Valley AVA. The grapes are sourced from 2 separate blocks as we like to exhibit the unique characteristics of each block and the clonal diversity that this grape offers.

Aromas of fresh crushed Bing cherries and baking spices draw you into the glass. Remarkable fullness of ripe cherry and raspberry flavor on the middle palate with hints of cola and spice, carrying over to a fruit-filled finish. Despite its richness, the wine is light on its feet and a delight to drink. If there ever was a Pinot Noir meant to be enjoyed on its own...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 20% new French oak and 80% three year old French barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for 9 months. **150 cases produced.**

Vintage	2018
Wine Type	Red
Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Alcohol	14.6%
Cases	150
Barrel Aging	9 months in 20% new French Oak, 80% 3 year old barrels

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