



## **2021 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir**

The Russian River Valley has established itself 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 the haunting nuance of wines from its homeland in Burgundy. The grapes for this wine were sourced from the Gunsalus vineyard in the very cool Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley AVA.

The beautiful garnet with a hint of purple color captivates you upon first look. The 2021 Russian River Valley leads with aromas of violets, bramble berry, clove and tea leaves. Additional aromas of dried orange peel studded with cloves mix with light oak and raspberry. The mouthfeel is full and juicy, supported by acidity, silky tannins and a subtle hint of oak that finishes rich and warm. Complex, yet elegant and refined, this is one to pull the cork on tonight and enjoy.

After hand sorting the clusters were destemmed into a small open-top fermenter. After a two day cold soak the must was inoculated with Assmanhausen yeast. The cap was punched-down twice daily by hand. After a gentle pressing the wine was inoculated for malo-lactic fermentation and barreled down to traditional burgundian barrels. The barrels used were 25% new French oak and 75% two and three year old French barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for 10 months, and bottled without fining or filtration.

***200 cases produced.***

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| Vintage      | 2021  |
| Wine Type    | Red   |
| Varietal     | 100% Pinot Noir   |
| Appellation  | Russian River Valley  |
| Alcohol      | 14.5%   |
| Cases        | 200   |
| Barrel Aging | 10 months in 30% new French Oak, 70% 2 & 3 year old barrels |

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