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VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



Appellation: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

pH: 3.55

Titratable Acidity: 5.4 g/L

Aged in Oak: 20% New Oak

Origin of Oak: French

Months in Barrel: 12

## 2017 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

### In the Vineyard

The cool, foggy Russian River Valley climate allows for slow ripening and enables our grapes to develop full flavor maturation over an extended time. To create our 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, grapes were predominantly hand-harvested from the BCD Vineyard, the Heintz Vineyard and the Murray Vineyard. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards contributes their unique complexities to the final blend.

The BCD Vineyard consists of five distinct blocks within the vineyard with soils varying from Huichica clay loam to heavier clay being found in some of the lower lying portions of the vineyard. Located in the town of Occidental, the Heintz Vineyard is located in the Green Valley sub AVA and is planted to four distinct clones. The Swan and Pommard clones have traditionally provided a concentrated mouthfeel and earthy characteristics to the wines made from the vineyard, while the 113 and Beringer clones bring more spice and tannic intensity to the wines. The Murray Vineyard, located in the cooler Llano region of the Russian River Valley, contributes a rich, plush mouthfeel with raspberry and dark cherry characteristics. Together, these vineyards produce the backbone of our Russian River Valley.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, the grapes were hand-sorted then fermented in small vats with all punch-downs done by hand. We aged the wine for 12 months in 60-gallon French oak barrels, 20% new oak, to create a complex, multi-layered Pinot Noir.

### Tasting Notes

A vibrant red color in the glass, our 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir offers aromas of bright strawberry with a subtle hint of cherry cola. On the palate, flavors of ripe cherry and raspberry are complimented by a hint of spice. This wine has a medium body and moderate tannins with well balance acidity and structure.

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker