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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2024



TASTING NOTES — OUR 2024 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR DISTINCTLY EXPRESSES ITS ORIGIN. WET EARTH AND CRUSHED FOREST BOTANICALS COMINGLE, WITH DELICATE FLORALS AND BRAMBLY BLACK RASPBERRY IN BEAUTIFUL BALANCE. SATINY BLUE FRUIT IS WARMLY SPICED BUT BACKED BY A SAVORY FOIL OF IRON-RED VOLCANIC MINERALITY ON A LONG, FULL, PLEASING PALATE. IN SURPRISING—AND DELICIOUS—JUXTAPOSITION, LIVELY ACIDITY BRIGHTENS A SOFT, VELVETY FINISH.

Vineyard:
Flowers was among the first to plant on the steep ridge perched high above the cool and windswept Pacific coastline, where the Russian River meets the ocean. Thirty miles inland, amidst the river's foggy and forested banks, our Pinot Noir reflects a true sense of place. This wine originates from our organically farmed Healdsburg Estate in the heart of the Russian River Valley, as well as cool climate blocks from several family-owned vineyards that share our farming philosophy.

Vintage Notes:
The 2024 Russian River Valley growing season was marked by dynamic weather patterns and was capped with a vigorous finish. After winter pruning, adequate rainfall kept soils saturated through early spring. Budbreak unfolded across the region just as the weather turned, ushering in summer conditions that were very favorable, supporting steady canopy development and shoot elongation. This was a crucial layer of protection for the year's strong and balanced yield, which was shaped by ample mid-season heat that compressed the ripening curve. We were then rewarded with a swift harvest, which was just a month long. The resulting wines bear generous fruit balanced with fresh acidity and earthy minerality—all characteristics that evoke the very essence of the Russian River Valley.

Winemaking:
- Harvest Dates: August 26 - September 5, 2024
- Fermentation: 100% native yeast in open-top tanks with pumpovers
- Aging: 100% French oak (30% new), 228L barrels; native malolactic
- Cooperages: Francois Frères and Cadus
- Bottling Date: July 24, 2025

Technical Information:
- Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
- Alcohol: 14.1%
- Total Acidity: 5.0 g/L
- pH: 3.69

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