

FLOWERS

Vineyards & Winery

2021 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER



2021 VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage gave us beautiful wines by way of a challenge. In the second year of our most recent drought, winter brought only small, infrequent rains on the Sonoma Coast, followed by widely fluctuating early-spring temperatures. The dearth of moisture and mixed weather messages slowed canopy development, and ultimately resulted in smaller clusters. Patience and hopeful perseverance paid off, though, as mild temperatures prevailed through the end of the growing season, encouraging even, optimal ripening. Small berries resulted in lower yields, but when the grapes began hitting the crushpad—slightly earlier than usual in August—the superb quality of the small vintage was clear, in outstanding purity, complex flavors, and dense textures.

TASTING NOTES

Deep and compelling aromas of black cherry and ripe plum unfold in the glass with hints of intriguing herbs and warm baking spices, while sweet floral notes dance with underlying minerality. Bright fruit—amplifying the cherry and plum on the nose—fills the mouth and carries through a long finish against spun-silk tannins. Acidity brightens the whole effect and speaks of the cool climate of Russian River.

VINEYARDS

A combination of lots from our own Healdsburg Estate in the Russian River Valley, along with cool climate blocks from the following long-time partners: Hallberg Ranch Vineyards, Oehlman Vineyard and Shone Farms.

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

Russian River

FERMENTATION

100% native yeast; utilizing pump-overs; 14-day average skin contact; 25% whole cluster; 100% native malolactic in barrel

AGING

100% French oak, 30% new; 228L; Aged 10 months in barrel

COOPERAGES

Tonnellerie François Frères and Tonnellerie Cadus

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.1%

TA: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.61