GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Hallberg Vineyard Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Named for its previous owners, the 100-acre Hallberg Vineyard is today owned and managed by wine industry veterans including vineyard manager Riggs Lokka. Nestled in the Green Valley sub-appellation, this beautiful 100% dry-farmed site enjoys refreshing daytime breezes and cool nighttime temperatures. The strong marine influence means less severe daily temperature shifts so the vines never completely shut down, producing fruit with deep, dark color, great structure, silky tannins, darker fruit flavors and earthy characteristics. 2023 was a very long, cool growing season, resulting in our latest start and finish to harvest on record. The extended hang time at lower temperatures provided gorgeous fruit with stunning flavors, structure, and complexity for another vintage of beautiful wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were hand-harvested in the cool early morning hours to ensure optimal fruit integrity, then brought to the winery for careful sorting and de-stemming. About 26% of the fruit was kept as whole clusters for fermentation. The whole clusters were layered atop the destemmed berries in a small open-top oak fermenter to contribute aromatic lift, structure, and complexity. Following a five-day cold soak, the must was inoculated with yeast. Fermentation temperatures were closely monitored, and extraction was managed through daily punch-downs to maintain a balanced tannin profile. After dryness, the wine remained on skins for an extended maceration of over ten days to further enhance complexity and soften tannins. The tank was then drained, and the must gently pressed using our Bucher basket press. The wine was aged for 15 months on primary lees in French oak barrels (42% new). The 2023 Hallberg blend is composed of clones 777, 828, Pommard, and Elite.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 vintage opens with tart raspberry and red currant accented by subtle herbaceous notes of eucalyptus and bay leaf. Delicate hints of white tea and soft oak add nuance without overshadowing the fruit-forward profile. On the palate, vibrant red berries take center stage, supported by a gentle savory undertone and a fine, dusty grip that adds texture and poise. A more approachable side of Hallberg while staying true to its hallmark balance and complexity, it's a thoughtful pour for nights when it's just you, a favorite record or book, and a wine that rewards attention without demanding it.

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 42% new French oak

ALCOHOL
13.5%

pH / T.A.
3.39 / 6.30 gm/L

PRODUCTION
857 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2025

RETAIL PRICE
$65.00

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