

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 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. 2022 can best be described as “early”. It began with a cold, dry winter that led to early bud break. Serious frost in April and an unexpected hailstorm in May caused damage to new growth and flowers, impacting yields. Hot Summer temperatures led to an early onset of harvest, with harvest ending on September 9th, the earliest in our winery history. Despite the rapid pace, flavors and tannin were concentrated and acidity was vibrant, creating wines that rival those of the beautiful 2021 vintage.

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 25% 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 (45% new).

TASTING NOTES

This enduring favorite from Hallberg Vineyard opens with bright red cherry, raspberry, and currant aromas layered with hints of rose petals, cedar, and forest floor. On the palate, summer strawberries, red plum, and blood orange mingle with savory notes of dried mushroom and a touch of bay laurel and clove. Silky tannins and lively acidity frame the vibrant red fruit, leading to a zesty, enduring finish that showcases the vineyard’s hallmark complexity and elegance.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 55% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.5%

PH / T.A.
3.34 / 6.90 gm/L

PRODUCTION
519 cases

BOTTLING DATE
May 2023



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