

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2019 Hallberg Vineyard - Dijon Clones Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Nestled in the Green Valley sub appellation and planted to over a dozen Dijon and heritage clones, the site enjoys a strong marine influence with less severe daily temperature shifts than much of the Russian River Valley, so the vines never completely shut down, producing fruit with deep color, great structure, silky tannins, darker fruit flavors and earthy characteristics. Dijon clones 777 and 667 from the west side of the vineyard contribute structure, spice, and earthiness, while the 777 from the east side tends to offer dense, dark fruit flavors and lovely floral aromatics. After record-breaking rainfall in late February, a relatively cool spring followed. The month of May brought more heavy rains but summer temperatures were perfect and mild and growers began to see that a big crop was forming. Despite the quantity of clusters per vine, thanks to judicious crop-thinning and canopy management, the flavor, concentration, and tannin levels were quite excellent for another exquisite vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were harvested in the cool morning hours then brought to the winery. After careful hand sorting, some of the grapes were gently de-stemmed, then transferred to small, open-top tanks while a small percentage of the fruit was added later as whole clusters. The juice for each tank was chilled to 45°F and allowed to cold soak for 4-7 days before fermentation started. During fermentation, the cap was gently punched down 2-3 times per day. After fermentation, the new wine and its solids were allowed to sit in tank for 7-10 days of extended maceration, a period during which the tannins soften, and the primary fermentation esters develop more complexity. The wine was then gently pressed off the skins and seeds, inoculated for malolactic fermentation and racked into 40% new French oak barrels (light and medium toast François Frères, Ana Selection, Remond and Tonnellerie O) for 10 months of barrel aging on primary lees.

TASTING NOTES

Bursting with savory notes of herbs and spice, this wine highlights the tremendous range of this outstanding vineyard site. Generous notes of white peppercorn, nutmeg, and cloves lift from the glass, and slowly unveil the brooding, dark red fruit aromas of Pinot Noir grown in Green Valley. Flavors of dried cranberries and fresh raspberries entice the palate while silky tannins from luxurious French oak barrels lend elegance. Exquisitely focused and approachable, this wine is impeccably balanced and delightful from start to finish.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
10 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.34 / 6.60 gm/L

PRODUCTION
591 cases

BOTTLING DATE
June 2020

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