

# GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

## 2019 RUSSIAN RIVER SELECTION ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARDS

The Wat Vineyard is located just off Bodega Highway in Sebastopol, in one of the coolest parts of the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River AVA. About 18.5 miles southwest of the winery and 12 miles east of the Pacific Coast. The vines we work with are all UCD clone 37 on 101-14 rootstock. The Goldridge series soil is a fine sandy loam that provides excellent drainage and low soil fertility, while the coastal fog intrusions provide a cooling effect after moderately warm, sunny days.

### VINTAGE

After record-breaking rainfall in late February, causing major flooding in the areas surrounding the Russian River, a relatively cool spring followed, delaying bud break into mid to late March. The delayed onset and cool temperatures would predict the beginning of harvest at a more typical date, compared to a few past vintages. The month of May brought more heavy rains. Thankfully, the cold temperatures and delayed start of bud break meant that bloom was later as well, and only a few vineyards had started to produce flowers, so damage to the crop was minimal. Summer temperatures were perfect and mild. By June, growers began to see that a big crop was forming. Come July, veraison was under way and growers had to drop lots of unevenly ripening clusters on several occasions. Despite the quantity of clusters per vine, flavor, concentration and tannin levels were quite excellent. Canopy management was extremely important in that fruit thinning was necessary at multiple stages of vine development.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on September 23rd at a vibrant 22° Brix. A quick pass was made through our rows a few days prior to harvest in order to drop fruit that didn't express the optimal flavor concentration. The grapes that were delivered to the winery were packed with vibrant, crisp, varietally expressive characteristics. As soon as the cold fruit arrived early that morning, we transferred the whole Pinot Noir clusters to the press, and used a gentle modified Champagne program to extract only the most desirable solids and phenolics. The resulting juice was left in tank to cold-settle overnight before transferring 30% of the blend to neutral oak barrels for partial fermentation, in order to build richness and texture. The remainder of the blend was fermented in stainless steel. When the barrels neared end of fermentation, their contents were combined with the remaining must in tank, where the mixture remained through the completion of fermentation, and then for 6 months of aging on primary lees.

### TASTING NOTES

A beautiful rose gold hue, this intentional rosé boasts bright aromas of lime zest and lychee with a hint of fresh herbs. Upon the first sip, flavors of white nectarine jump out of the glass, followed by subtle notes of orange blossom and a backbone of minerality. The palate is crisp, clean and refreshing.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

#### VINEYARDS

Wat Vineyard

#### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

#### FERMENTATION & AGING

70% stainless steel fermented;  
30% fermented in neutral French oak barrels, then combined.  
Combined blend aged 6 months in stainless steel.

#### ALCOHOL

13.5%

#### pH / T.A.

3.22 / 7.0gm/L

#### PRODUCTION

326 Cases

#### BOTTLING DATE

June 11, 2020

#### RELEASE DATE

July 2020

#### RETAIL PRICE

\$40