

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2019 Rochioli-Allen Vineyards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

The grapes for this outstanding Pinot Noir come from the historic Allen Vineyard, located on the opposite side of Westside Road from Rochioli. Both sites are farmed by the Rochioli family. Each clone and field selection were chosen to take advantage of specific soil type, elevation, and exposure to the sun, generating wines that are vibrant and powerful, yet delicate and balanced. Some of the oldest vines have been nurtured by three generations of the Rochioli family. 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 at 23.7° Brix, then brought directly to the winery. After carefully hand sorting, 74% of the fruit was gently destemmed, then transferred to a small, open top tank with a cooling jacket. At that point, 26% of the hand selected bunches were added to the top of the tank as whole clusters, and the fruit was chilled to 45°F to cold soak for 7 days before fermentation was started. During fermentation, the cap was punched down 2-3 times per day, with an occasional, gentle juice pump-over through a screen, only as needed to cool the fermentation and give the yeast a boost of oxygen. After fermentation, the newly fermented wine and its solids were allowed to sit in tank for 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 French oak barrels (light toast Ana Selection & Francois Freres) for 15 months of aging on primary lees

TASTING NOTES

This classic Rochioli-Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir exhibits fresh, savory aromas of rhubarb, hibiscus, cherry chutney, fennel and Darjeeling tea leaves. The first sip is lip-smackingly delicious, opening with a pop of crisp acidity, then revealing layers of subtle, but concentrated flavors of blood orange, raspberry coulis, red cassis and dried herbs. The finish is vibrant and persistent, with the perfect balance of mouthwatering acidity and firm, youthful tannins that build into an alluring palate coating texture that draws you in for more.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.2%

PH / T.A.
3.35 / 6.70 gm/L

PRODUCTION
295 cases

BOTTLING DATE
January 2021

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September 2023



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