

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2021 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 Kirk Lokka and his son, Riggs. 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. 2021 was a spectacular vintage. It was a drought year, so Mother Nature was responsible for trimming yields and producing a plentiful and beautifully balanced crop. The summer months gave us perfectly moderate ripening weather with very few heat spikes, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly while yielding excellent hang time to develop lots of flavor and produce world-class wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were harvested in the cool morning and brought to the winery. After careful hand sorting, some of the grapes were gently de-stemmed and 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 daily. After fermentation, the new wine and its solids were allowed to sit in a tank for 7-10 days of extended maceration, 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 15 months of barrel aging on primary lees.

TASTING NOTES

This beautiful 2021 Hallberg exudes beautiful savory aromas of cassis liquor, sweet tobacco, and cherry blossom, while on the palate, flavors of black tea, Olallieberry, tamarind, and blood orange provide the depth and lushness we love and desire from this vineyard. Subtle hints of caraway and coriander dance around in the background, adding complexity to the layers of fruit. The firm yet silky tannins and crisp acidity combine perfectly, creating a long, velvety, snappy finish.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.8%

PH / T.A.
3.35 / 6.9 gm/L

PRODUCTION
1,104 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2023

RELEASE DATE
February 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$65.00



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