

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2021 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Ted Klopp purchased this 37-acre property in 1982 and began the process of planting small blocks of vines that he believed would produce wines of exceptional quality. The vineyard is located in the “Golden Triangle” area of the Russian River Valley, northwest of the Santa Rosa plain along the eastern slope of Laguna Ridge. Planted in fertile Goldridge soil, the vines produce small clusters of intensely flavored grapes. Our Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir is a composition of Pommard clone and a Joseph Swan field selection. 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 hand-harvested in the cool morning hours, then brought to the winery for careful sorting and de-stemming, though about 15% of the fruit was kept as whole clusters for fermentation. After a 5-day cold soak in small, open-top tanks, the must was inoculated with yeast and extraction was managed by daily punchdowns and occasional pump overs during fermentation. A 10+ day extended maceration occurred post-fermentation to enhance complexity and soften tannins before draining and gentle pressing in our Bucher basket press. The wine was aged on primary lees for 15 months in 40% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Our inaugural vintage from this distinguished Russian River Valley vineyard, the 2021 Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir is immediately engaging with aromas of black and blue berry fruits supported by gorgeous floral notes of hibiscus and violets, followed by a tangy blood orange spice. Savory and spice elements drive the medium-bodied palate, with flavors of Earl Grey tea preceding some dark fruit, all framed by dusty tannins and nice acidity into the finish. An intriguing first release that will divulge more with some age.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.37 / 7.10 gm/L

PRODUCTION
372 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2023

RELEASE DATE
September 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$75.00



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