

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2021 Rochioli Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

About five miles from our winery, up the gently winding Westside Road, the 162-acre Rochioli Vineyard was originally purchased in 1938 by Joe Rochioli, Sr. The vision of growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay along these fertile, gravelly soils was carried out by Joe Jr. after his father's passing in 1966. Of the 128 planted acres on the Rochioli Vineyard, half is planted to various clones of Pinot Noir. This release brings together several stand-out blocks on the property, including three planted in 1974, 1995 and 2000, where some of the vines come from cuttings taken from the original "mother" block planted in 1968. At a time when Pinot Noir was virtually unknown here in the Russian River Valley, Joe Rochioli Jr. was ahead of his time in selecting the Pommard clone for these initial plantings. 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 early morning hours then brought to the winery for hand sorting, where 85% of the grapes were de-stemmed, then transferred to open-top tanks, while 15% of the fruit was added on top as whole clusters. The juice was allowed to cold soak for 5 days before fermentation. During fermentation, the cap was gently punched down with an occasional juice pump over. After fermentation, the new wine stayed in tank for 7 days of extended maceration to soften tannins and develop more complexity before being gently pressed off its solids, inoculated for malolactic fermentation, and racked into 40% new French oak barrels for 15 months of barrel aging on primary lees.

TASTING NOTES

There is one and only one Rochioli Vineyard, and this 2021 Pinot Noir leaves no doubt as to its stellar origins. Enchanting aromas of vivacious cherry-driven red fruit are intertwined with rose petals and crème brûlée and prepare the senses for the exuberant palate experience. The nearly full-bodied weight of this wine is carried effortlessly by the smooth, silky texture. It's delicately layered with ripe red fruits and notes of sandalwood, and ensconced by abundant yet fine tannins that perfectly match the zesty acidity into the persistent finish.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.42 / 6.70 gm/L

PRODUCTION
341 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2023

RELEASE DATE
May 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$95.00



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