



GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2021 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. This year there was a surprise addition from our spectacular McDonald Mountain Vineyard.

Vintage

2021 was a spectacular vintage, especially considering the challenges of the past few years. It was a drought year, so Mother Nature was responsible for trimming yields and producing a plentiful and beautifully balanced crop. This was a nice contrast compared to previous drought years when the crop was very small and the wines were more muscular. In 2021, the clusters were medium in size and the berries were plump with a good number of seeds, excellent skin to juice ratio and beautiful acidity. The summer months gave us beautiful ripening weather with very few heat spikes, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly, while having time to develop lots of flavor. Veraison began in mid to late July and the weather from that point until harvest was perfectly moderate yielding excellent hang time and world class wines.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested on September 18th at a vibrant 21.5° Brix. A small amount of juice from our beautiful McDonald Mountain vineyard was added for some extra complexity and spice. 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 25% 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 aged on primary lees.

Tasting Notes

Freshly picked raspberries, Satsuma, lime peel, pomelo and spicy ginger, with subtle a hint Moroccan Mint leaves. Vivacious, laser-focused and incredibly concentrated, with loads of salinity. The sweet succulence of tangelo, kiwi and passionfruit are beautifully framed by slate and limestone. This stunning rosé is perfectly balanced with lively acidity and an astonishingly persistent finish.

Appellation

Russian River Valley

Vineyards

90% Wat Vineyard
10% McDonald Mountain
Vineyard

Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation & Aging

75% stainless steel fermented;
25% fermented in neutral French
oak barrels, then combined.
Combined blend aged 4 months
in stainless steel

Alcohol

12.9%

pH / T.A.

3.22 / 7.7 gm/L

Production

372 Cases

Bottling Date

January 26, 2022

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July 2022

Retail Price

\$45