

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2021 Zio Tony Ranch Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

First planted to wine grapes in 2000, the former apple orchard is named after Lee Martinelli Sr.'s uncle, Tony Bondi, "Zio Tony", a gregarious figure who loved to have a good time. The vineyard, located along the Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Russian River Valley's cooler climate Green Valley, is situated on rolling hills that are comprised of Goldridge soils. The vines deliver grapes that are intensely fruit forward and complex while retaining the bright natural acidity that is a hallmark of this renowned growing area. 2021 was a spectacular vintage. A drought year, Mother Nature was responsible for trimming yields and producing a plentiful and balanced crop. The summer months gave us beautiful weather with very few heat spikes, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly, while having 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 25% 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 punch-downs 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 first vintage from this classic vineyard farmed by the Russian River Valley pioneer, the Martinelli family, charms from first whiff. Bright, brambly blackberry and raspberry aromas are swirled with warm baking spices like a pie fresh from grandma's oven, inviting the senses to sit and stay a while to enjoy this light-to-medium bodied wine as it embraces the palate with raspberry coulis and berry fruit. Lively acidity brings a satisfying freshness through the finish of this comforting Pinot Noir.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.2%

PH / T.A.
3.30 / 7.20 gm/L

PRODUCTION
314 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2023

RELEASE DATE
February 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$75.00



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