

# 2018 PINOT NOIR

*Russian River Valley  
Sonoma County*



Aromas of mocha and bing cherry lead to fruit forward flavors of black cherry, blueberry, and plum. A wonderful balance of Russian River Valley fruit and integrated French Oak flavors linger on the palate. The result is a very elegant and enjoyable example of Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley.

## VINIFICATION

Following a five day cold soak, the grapes were yeasted and open-top tank fermented at cool temperatures. Multiple daily punchdowns allowed for color and flavor extraction. The must was then pressed to barrel for 10 months in 100% French oak.

## VINEYARD LOCATION

The grapes for this wine come from two well known Russian River Valley vineyards: the Skikos Vineyard (Clone 667) on Piner Road, and the Winkler Vineyard (Clone 23) north of the winery on Green Valley Road.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2018 season started slowly with little pressure from weather extremes, allowing for a long hang time developing ripeness and flavor. Temperate warm days and cooler nights enabled optimal brix and pH.

## VINTAGE INFO

1,039 cases produced  
30% New French Oak  
Alcohol 14.1%  
TA 6.0 g/L  
pH 3.5

Harvested September 20 & October 3, 2018  
Bottled July 18, 2019

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