

2020

Peters vineyard

Russian River Valley PINOT NOIR

## **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the Russian River Valley appellation with Gold Ridge soil, lies Peters Vineyard, the backbone of our production and is planted with Pommard, 115 and 777 clones. An ideal location for Pinot Noir, this former apple orchard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the morning and evening, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit and create just the flavor profile we are looking for in our wine.

Peters Vineyard was our first-ever vineyard designate, and we continue to enjoy a close relationship with grower Randy Peters. His expert vineyard management helps us to consistently produce this incredibly luscious wine.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone and vineyard during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we hand-punch each fermenter, up to four times a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into François Fréres French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

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## **TASTING NOTES**

Year after year Peters Vineyard delivers delicious, cherry-driven winners, but the vineyard outdid itself in 2020. The pretty garnet red wine starts with a fresh, effusive nose of ripe cherry, white flowers and toasty oak notes. On the palate, a complex, balanced package of fresh red fruit flavors is led by concentrated cherry and ripe raspberry. The primary flavors meld with fresh plum and toasty crème brûlée notes as the wine opens. This lipsmacking flavor profile comes with a rare combination of mouthcoating lushness and mouthwatering acidity. The wine is already well-integrated and tasting spectacular.

## WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation**: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 21, 2020

**Alcohol:** 14.4%

**T.A.:** 6.0g/l

**pH**: 3.59

**RS:** Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

François Frères French oak, 50% new,

50% 1-2 year-old

Bottled: August 17, 2021

Production: 997 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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