

# SYNTHESIS

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**PINOT NOIR**

*Estate, Russian River Valley*

## THE WINE

The cornerstone of our Pinot Noir program, our Estate represents the most Burgundian of all our single vineyards, offering a core of lean, bracing acidity with complex, rich fruit.

## SOURCING

Home Ranch Block and Tower Block

## VINEYARD NOTES

Our 12-acre estate vineyard is comprised of six different clones grown in highly regarded Goldridge soil. The largest section of our vineyard, which slopes down toward the Santa Rosa Laguna is planted with notable Dijon clones including 667, 777, 115, 828, and 943. Our smaller vineyard, which we refer to as "The Tower Block" is comprised entirely of Clone 37, which is our legacy to our winery's namesake.

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

## VINTAGE NOTES

Record setting rain and cooler temperatures lengthened dormancy, with first signs of budbreak mid-march. Hotter than average days in June and July brought harvest mid-August with lower than average yields across all varieties

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The clones were fermented in a single open-top fermenter, layered in one at a time. Gentle punch-downs followed with a brief maceration period. Maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, basket-pressed, and racked to 45% new French oak for 12 months.

## TASTING NOTES

Pomegranate, lemon balm, and cedar. Cherrywood and toasted graham cracker are framed by linear acidity and structured but supple tannins.

## RELEASE DATE

August 2019



VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
AVA	Russian River Valley
BRIX AT HARVEST	23.4°
pH	3.69
TOTAL ACIDITY	5.3 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.4%