

# AVA Russian River Valley BRIX AT HARVEST 23.8°-24.9° pH 3.55 TOTAL ACIDITY 5.7 g/L ALCOHOL 14.2%

# SYNTHESIS

2020

# PINOT NOIR I 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 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.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Shifts in temperature throughout the season resulted in shorter hangtime and lower yields, but the fruit retained bright acidity, resulting in lively wines. Our diligence in testing, coupled with a dedicated team proved key to navigating 2020. While quantity may be a bit lessened, quality will not.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The clones were fermented separately in single open-top fermenters. Gentle punch-downs followed with a brief maceration period. Maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, basket-pressed, and racked to 30% new French oak for 12 months. Blended two weeks prior to bottling to achieve ideal balance.

## TASTING NOTES

High-toned tart cherry, on a core of underripe raspberry and hibiscus tea. Herbaceous and taut, with touches of orange zest, mountain sage and dried rose petals. Fleshy, with silky fine-grained tannins layered over vibrant acidity with hints of vanilla and fresh clove on the finish.

### RELEASE DATE

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