

AVA Russian River Valley

BRIX AT HARVEST 23.6°-25.0°

pH 3.55

TOTAL ACIDITY 5.9 g/L

ALCOHOL 14.5%

# SYNTHESIS

2021

## 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

The culmination of factors from another drought year in California surprised us with a beautiful vintage. An unseasonably dry and mild winter, which led to an early spring, forced the vines into bud break during peak frost season. A relatively warm, but even summer, resulted in early harvest dates, with lower-than-average yields

# 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

Deep, with black raspberry and wet earth on a core of Morello cherry and fresh hibiscus. Dark, purple fruited and taut, with touches of wild rose, candied fennel seed and clove. Fleshy, with refined tannins layered over vibrant acidity with hints of fresh nutmeg on the finish.

# RELEASE DATE

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