

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2017



OUR STORY

Since 1959, our passion has been to craft best in class wines in our sustainable winery to share with friends and family. Our family-owned winery is committed to quality wines and to protecting our resources for the future. We are solar powered, certified sustainable, practice Fish Friendly Farming and we were the first winery in Sonoma County to offset our carbon footprint. With an eye on the future, innovation in the cellar and the vineyards is at the heart of all that we do.

HISTORY

Rod Strong was among the first modern wine pioneers with a vision to plant Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley. In 1968, he planted our heritage River East Vineyard in the alluvial clay-loam soils adjacent to the winery in Healdsburg. Today the Russian River Valley is well established as one of the premier Pinot Noir growing regions in the world, and we continue to rely on the original River East Vineyard as a core contributor to our estate vineyard bottling.

THE VINTAGE & VINEYARD

The 2017 vintage will not be soon forgotten. The all-time precipitation record was set by mid-April as rain swept like waves over the North Coast, filling all the lakes, ponds and reservoirs. As the rain clouds subsided and the sun appeared, the vineyards in the Russian River Valley endured six different heat waves at or above 110°F on Labor Day. Our Pinot Noir was harvested August 23 through September 16.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Estate Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has lovely aromas of red fruit, floral and earth. With a soft and silky texture, on the palate dark cherry, cranberry, and baking spice characteristics shine through with balance, acidity and a nice lingering finish. This medium bodied wine was aged for 11 months in small French oak barrels, which added a hint of toasty vanilla and spice complexity. Enjoy this Pinot Noir now with charcuterie, wild mushroom risotto, grilled pork tenderloin or cellar it for enjoyment for the next 2 to 4 years.



RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS

WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole, Justin Seidenfeld

ALCOHOL 14.5%

TA 0.55g/100mL

PH 3.50

APPELLATION Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir

CELLAR & FERMENTATION 11 months in 100%
French oak barrels, 36% new



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