

2021 Reserve PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



PHILOSOPHY

Our Reserve wines are the result of a careful blend of individual lots from meticulously farmed sections of some of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Created in our small lot Artisan Cellar, Winemaker Justin Seidenfeld employs techniques such as cluster pre-sorting and extended maceration. With small tanks and equipment sized for the most discriminating vineyard selection process, our cellar is state-of-the-art and represents the Klein family commitment to producing the finest wines possible.

IN THE CELLAR

For our 2021 Reserve Pinot Noir, select areas within each vineyard are hand harvested, fermented separately and aged in the finest French oak. Each lot is tasted and graded and only the best are considered. The blend is then assembled, and the wine is aged 14 months before bottling.

THE VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was mild and dry. Seasonable weather made for pleasant spring and summer days. Due to the ideal ripening conditions, we predicted an early harvest. But Mother Nature had other plans and as we checked berry sugars in the late summer the blocks seemed to need a little more time to ripen than predicted. As the vines developed full flavor, we harvested each block separately in the early morning hours from September 1st through the 11th.

TASTING NOTES

Red and darker fruits play in the nose as ripe cherry, plum and creamy oak aromas lead to sweet and spicy flavors of rhubarb and damp forest floor. The puncheons used to ferment the wine show in the mouth, as supple acidity weaves together with velvety smooth tannins and satiating volume, as forest floor and black cherry flavors linger on a fresh and refined finish.



WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld, Greg Morthole			
WINE GROWER	Ryan Decker			
ALCOHOL	14.5%	TA	0.60 g/100 mL	PH 3.53
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley, Sonoma County			
BLEND	100% Pinot Noir			
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	14 months in French oak barrels, 63% new			



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