



**2018 ENROUTE  
BUCHER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

*Appellation:* Russian River Valley

*Varietal:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Harvest Date:* September 29-30, 2018

*Fermentation:* Open Top 4, 5 & 6;  
2 3-ton concrete tanks

*Skin Contact:* 11 days

*Aging:* 10 months  
30% new French oak, 30% once-used, 40% neutral

*Release Date:* November 2020

*Alcohol Level:* 14.5%

*First Vintage:* 2016

*Winemaker:* Michael Accurso

*Director of Winemaking:* Andrew Delos

**VINEYARD DESCRIPTION**

The steeply sloped Bucher Vineyard in Russian River Valley grows two heritage clones we selected to produce this enchanting single-vineyard Pinot Noir. Located off of Westside Road in the Middle Reach area of Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir is planted upon well-drained Arbuckle gravelly loam soil using clones 777, 115, 37 and Pommard 4. This wine's dark fruit aromas and earthy flavors are typical expressions of the clones, which benefit from warm days and cool, breezy evenings along the nearby banks of the Russian River.

**HARVEST NOTES**

The cold, wet winter filled our reservoirs and delayed bud break until mid-April. Scattered rains continued into spring, which resulted in slight shatter during bloom. That shatter naturally thinned a heavier-than-usual crop load, which resulted in beautiful balance during fruit set. We saw a lot of "hens and chicks" clusters, which provided both texture and acidity for this larger vintage. Thanks to full reservoirs and high-water retention in our soils, our vines required minimal irrigation, even throughout the summer months. August was hot and sunny, and grapes reached full maturity before the month's end. We picked our first block on September 29, with the final lots coming in from Bucher Vineyard on September 30.

**SENSORY EVALUATION**

There's an incredibly appealing old world flintiness to this red fruit-driven Pinot Noir. Layers of rich red-cherry fruit flavors are balanced by earthy forest floor accents on a palate that's full and round. Bright acidity lifts the finish.



**ENROUTE WINERY**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT