



2018 EnRoute  
Marty's Vineyard Pinot Noir  
Russian River Valley

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Harvest Dates:** September 26-27, 2018

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

**Skin Contact:** 10 days

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

**Release Date:** November 2020

**Alcohol Level:** 14.5%

**First Vintage:** 2015

**Winemaker:** Michael Accurso

**Director of Winemaking:** Andrew Delos

#### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Marty's Vineyard is in the very cool area of Green Valley in the Russian River Valley. It sits high atop a hill overlooking the Russian River Valley and is often blanketed in fog until midday. Sandy Goldridge soils along with the vineyard's coastal proximity create vines that are balanced, require minimal—if any—water during the growing season, grow and mature evenly, and ripen without seeing temperatures above 88 degrees. The resulting grapes are filled with spicy red fruit notes, elegant tannins, and concentrated flavors.

#### 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 the entire vineyard over two days, starting on September 26.

#### SENSORY EVALUATION

With a dried floral perfume best described as elegant and botanical, this vibrant Pinot Noir offers a beautiful balance of bright red fruit flavors and forest floor characteristics. The palate is silky and layered, with lithe berry and subtle chocolate notes almost flowing into a soft yet lingering finish.



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