



**2019 ENROUTE
MARTY'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Date: September 9, 2019

Fermentation: 75% open top and 25% concrete

Skin Contact: 10 days

Aging: 16 months in French oak barrels
(40% new / 60% neutral)

Release Date: November 2021

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

A long rainy winter was followed by late spring rains, filling reservoirs and giving us rich vegetative growth and a healthy, but not too large, fruit set. We were vigilant in our canopy management this year, ensuring that growth was always thinned back and that our fruit had abundant concentration, depth, color and flavor. Thanks to full reservoirs and high-water retention in our soils, our vines required minimal irrigation, even throughout the hot and sunny August and September months. By harvest, our Pinot Noir showed beautiful maturity, with bright acidity, mature tannins and beautiful sugars. A cool site that showed maturity early, we picked fruit for this limited-production favorite over the course of a single day in early September.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Aromas of fresh rose petal, violet and a hint of forest floor enchant the nose, opening onto a palate layered with juicy pomegranate, raspberry and warm, subtle toasted oak flavors. The texture is silky and almost velour-like, with beautiful acidity lifting and supporting the ripe fruit flavors. The finish is soft, with elegant botanical accents and fruit that lingers beyond each sip.



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