



**2018 ENROUTE  
NORTHERN SPY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

*Appellation:* Russian River Valley

*Varietal:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Harvest Dates:* October 1-3, 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:* 2013

*Winemaker:* Michael Accurso

*Director of Winemaking:* Andrew Delos

**VINEYARD DESCRIPTION**

Northern Spy Vineyard's 17.5 acres of double-Guyot-trained vines are rooted in the region's famous Goldridge sandy loam soils, comprised of weathered sandstone and granite, with a fine, almost powder-like topsoil. Located in the Green Valley area of the Southwest corner of the Russian River Valley, this vineyard enjoys very cool nights and mornings. Fog typically covers the vineyard from 6:00pm until about 11:00am during the summer months. Daytime temperatures typically hover in the low-to-mid 80s, creating vines that have intensely concentrated, small berries. The cool temperatures and less direct sunlight lead to vines that are harvested up to one month later than the much warmer Amber Ridge Vineyard.

**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. Our coolest vineyard and the last to be harvested, we picked fruit over the course of three days in early October.

**SENSORY EVALUATION**

A beautiful floral potpourri with notes of fresh berries and dried tea leaves, this fragrant Pinot Noir captivates on the nose. The palate is layered and full, with red fruit flavors and a hint of cranberry cocktail. Fine tannins that offer structure and depth, and the texture is pure silk on the tongue, from the entry to the long, elegant finish.



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