



2022 EnRoute Amber Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates: August 18-29, 2022

Fermentation: 90% Stainless Steel; 10% concrete

Skin Contact: 2 Day Cold Soaks with 10-12 Day Fermentations

Aging: 16 months in French oak puncheons
(45% new, 35% once-used, 20% neutral)

Release Date: March 2024

Alcohol Level: 14.5%

First Vintage: 2013

Winemaker: Michael Accurso

Vice President of Winemaking: Andrew Delos

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

We consider Amber Ridge Vineyard the backbone of our EnRoute Pinot Noir, “Les Pommiers.” Located off Starr Road, this 22-acre vineyard is the warmest site from which we source fruit. Although temperatures rarely exceed 90°F, the vineyard enjoys extended mornings and evenings with clear, warm skies. Fog, the hallmark of the Russian River Valley, begins its early morning recession towards the coast, starting at the northern end of the valley and then returning in the late afternoon from the south. This seasonal fog pattern can allow for up to three extra hours of sunlight and warmth when compared to our vineyards just 12 miles away on the southern end of the valley.

HARVEST NOTES

Always our first Pinot Noir pick of the season, the 2022 Amber Ridge harvest started with the 667 clone on August 18th followed by the Calera clone the following day. The warm summer in the Middle Reach area of the Russian River Valley brought great concentration and boldness to the vintage at Amber Ridge. The Pommard and 115 clones finished up the vineyard’s harvest at the end of August, before the September heat waves. Each block was fermented separately in small open top fermenters and then immediately racked into French oak barrels for 16 months of undisturbed aging.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Our 2022 Amber Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir boasts a rich bouquet with pronounced Bing Cherry aromas, complemented by baking spice, cedar, and Damson plum notes. It reveals a bold and elegant character on the palate, highlighting a firm structural foundation. On the finish, the wine’s complexity unfolds through bold ripe fruit, integrated oak, and well-balanced acidity.



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