

2018 SINGLE VINEYARD RESERVE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

INTRODUCTION

Our Russian River Reserve Pinot Noir is a best-barrel selection from the Winside vineyard, planted in 1997. We have developed an intimate knowledge of the blocks over the past 20 years, and have found that several of the blocks are close enough in pedigree that the ultimate quality in a given vintage comes down to the vagaries of the growing conditions and fermentations that year. For this reason, when it comes time to select the blend for the Russian River Reserve, we keep an open mind, and allow the wine in the barrel to dictate the final blend. In 2018, the Dijon 667 block stood out, making this the first single-clone Russian River Valley Reserve since 2011.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Very dark in color, verging on purple, the nose explodes from the glass with dark berries, baking spice, and a touch of black currant. Incredibly concentrated on the palate, with deep brooding fruit flavors that will require a little age to fully develop. The finish is complex and lush, with blueberry and wood notes lingering.

ACCOLADES

95 Points, Robert Parker, THE WINE ADVOCATE





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