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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY Sonoma County
2017 PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

Davis Bynum Pinot Noir showcases terroir: differences in flavor from distinct sites in the Russian River Valley. Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir blends the characters of three distinct Russian River Valley neighborhoods and select blocks from the Petaluma Gap to create a wine with richness, balance and complexity. The darker fruit tones, richer mouthfeel and velvety tannins come from fruit grown in the warmer climate of the Santa Rosa Plains with its clay-rich soils underlain by volcanic ash. The fruit grown on the sandy soil of the warm Middle Reach neighborhood on Westside Road add to the spice, floral and red cherry fruit tones. The fruit from vineyards in the much cooler Green Valley neighborhood add fresh blueberry and vibrant acidity from the lauded Goldridge sandy loam soils. And a select piece from our hillside vineyard in the Petaluma Gap, within view of San Pablo Bay, adds racy acidity and briary fruit to the blend.

THE HARVEST

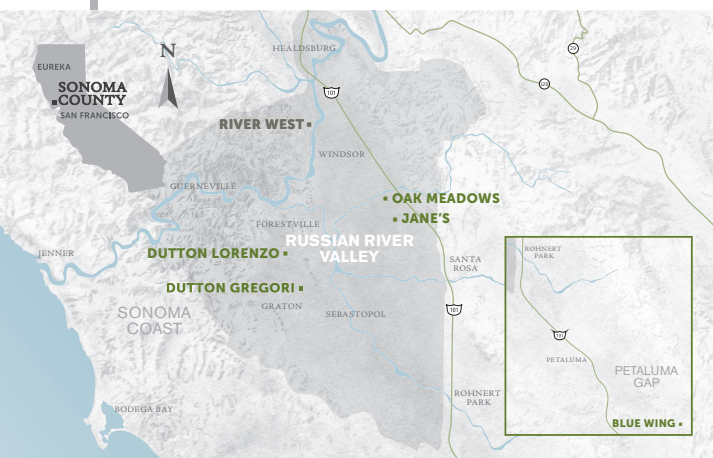
The local record for precipitation was set during the winter and spring of 2016–2017 as waves of showers swept over northern California, eventually ending with 60+ inches of rain for the season, twice what we normally get. Consequently, flowering was irregular, but the crop set well, with lower yields than average. The summer was warm to hot, with sunny days in the Russian River Valley punctuated by heat spikes, and elevated nighttime temperatures leading up to harvest.

STYLE

With our inaugural vintage of this bottling, we blended warmer climate Russian River Pinot Noir with that grown in a cooler area to make a wine with tension between the rich fruit and lush mouthfeel of the north and central Russian River vineyards, against the bright fruit and racy acidity from the south and western vineyards. Blending was completed in the late spring, after the wines fermented and subsequently aged separately for about 8 months. Half of the blend was fermented with native yeast. We like our Pinot Noir to have a sense of place, terroir, and we feel this shows the best of the Russian River Valley.

TASTE PROFILE

Red cherry and plum aromas with spicy floral and subtle oak lead to a rich mouthful of fruit flavors and velvety tannins with vibrant acidity and berry fruit on the finish. Grilled salmon, portobello mushrooms, lamb shanks, spinach salad and medium to sharp cheeses would all be beautifully paired with this Pinot Noir.



HARVEST DATE
8.30.2017 – 9.16.2017

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST
26.1° Brix

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION
90% Russian River Valley,
10% Petaluma Gap

VINEYARDS
Russian River Valley, Green Valley
and Petaluma Gap

WINEMAKER
Greg Morthole

SOIL
Shallow, moderately well-draining Huichica loam

pH	TA	ALCOHOL
3.56	0.63g/100mL	14.5%

CLONES	OAK AGING
2A, 23, 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 828, Pommard	12 months in French and Hungarian Oak, 31% new

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Davis Bynum is distinguished as the first winery to produce a single vineyard Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. The vintage was 1973 and the grapes were from Joe Rochioli's now prized vineyard. Today, our heritage of winemaking lives on through hand-crafted wines grown in Russian River Valley.