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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SINGLE VINEYARD WINES



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FIRST SINGLE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR



LET THE LAND SPEAK — WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

In 1973, when Davis Bynum first released his small lot of single vineyard Pinot Noir from the famed Rochioli vineyard in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley, Pinot Noir was a relative stranger to the region, but the fickle grapes thrived in the unique terroir. The first to produce single vineyard Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, Davis Bynum was instrumental in bringing the prestige to Russian River Valley vineyards, still acclaimed as one of California's finest Chardonnay and Pinot Noir growing regions. Today, more than forty years later, the heritage of Davis Bynum lives on through the hand-crafted creation of single-vineyard wines grown exclusively in Russian River Valley.

In 2007, when it was time for Bynum to sell the winery, he hand-picked his successor with the same care and attention as he used when choosing his grapes. He selected Tom Klein and the Klein family, fourth-generation California farmers who shared the same values and principles he built his own reputation on. But though he retired from day-to-day operations, Bynum continued to be an integral part of winery, ensuring it maintained its singularity and spirit.

Today the winery remains in the capable hands of proprietor Tom Klein who, along with winemaker Greg Morthole, honor the expertise and shared innovative winemaking spirit with founder, friend and mentor Davis Bynum. Humbled and proud to be carrying on the Davis Bynum legacy, Greg is committed to staying true to Bynum's philosophy. Through bold innovation in the vineyard and the cellar, his deft guidance keeps the winery moving forward, while never losing touch with the past.

SONOMA COUNTY
Davis Bynum Winery

ESTABLISHED
1978

SINGLE VINEYARDS EXPRESS THE TERRIOR

Davis Bynum’s passion is in the land — the unique characteristics that each acre brings to the winemaking table. Our fascination with the individual qualities every vineyard holds led us to create single-vineyard wines that highlight the distinct terroir that makes Davis Bynum so legendary. Cellar-worthy and unique, these wines tell the story of Davis Bynum like never before.



JANE’S VINEYARD

Jane’s Vineyard, located in the Santa Rosa Plains neighborhood of Russian River Valley is made up of the adjacent Lindley’s, Crinella and Garfield block – 132 acres of Pinot Noir with nine different clones. Terrain is nearly level, though undulating and hummocky, with moderately well-drained Huichica soils consisting of acidic cobbled loam underlain by a clay subsoil, and a strongly cemented hardpan that varies from 12 to 26 inches down. The hardpan restricts the vine’s access to water so once the soil above dries out in early summer, moisture stress begins causing small clusters of small berries with intense flavors.

RIVER WEST

River West is located in the Middle Reach neighborhood of Russian River Valley and this vineyard is home to 87 acres of Chardonnay in total, consisting of six different clones on two types of soil. The terrain is gently sloping, with well-drained Yolo sandy loam soils interspersed with very gravelly Cortina soils. The subsoil is deep alluvial gravels extending down several feet. These deep gravels have little fertility.



APPELLATION	VINEYARDS
Russian River Valley	River West Vineyard, Jane's Vineyard



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



CLIMATE AND GEOLOGY SHAPE A VALLEY

The guiding principle behind the wines of Davis Bynum has always been and will forever be, to let the land speak, specifically the terroir of Russian River Valley. The cool maritime conditions of the region are ideally suited for early ripening Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and finding excellent vineyards within this world-class region continues to drive the style of Bynum wines. We determined long ago that our wines should be shaped by the land from which they come.

The Russian River Valley climate is influenced by the consistent creep of cooling fog from the Pacific Ocean a few miles to the west. Much like the tide, it ebbs and flows through the Petaluma Wind Gap and the channel cut by the Russian River across the coastal hills. The fog typically arrives in the evening, dropping temperatures by as much as 35 to 40 degrees, and retreats to the ocean the following morning. This natural air-conditioning allows wine grapes to develop full flavor maturity over an extended growing season while retaining their natural acidity.

FARMING FOR TODAY, AND TOMORROW

Davis Bynum's sustainable vineyard practices are officially certified by the California Sustainable Winegrower's Alliance. The statewide certification board provides third-party verification of adherence to a process of continuous improvement in the implementation of sustainable winegrowing practices. We are committed to doing our part for our community today, and for generations to come.

OUR SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

JANE'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Jane's Vineyard is located just southwest of Windsor and centered on the intersection of Olivet and River roads. This small area tends to enjoy the very best of the iconic local climate; never too hot during the day, and consistently chilly at night. Jane's Vineyard shows superior vine balance thanks to its well-drained, shallow and inherently low vigor soils. The Pinot clones were chosen to enhance complexity, while keeping to the food friendly flavor profile that has always been a hallmark of Davis Bynum: a little lighter, without being lean; a little crisper, without being tart; a little more fruit driven, without being distracting; with a round, soft mouthfeel tasting of Asian spices, black cherries and a hint of rose petals.

RIVER WEST CHARDONNAY

Our River West vineyard is located in the eastern parts of the Russian River Valley, where it's slightly warmer than the very cool western reaches. It has been said that Chardonnay shows the hand of the winemaker more than other varietals. Our winemaker, Greg Morthole, believes there is some truth in that, but also believes the best vineyard sites yield fruit that distinctively express the characteristics of their location. Greg's signature is embedded in each vintage as he blends his favorite blocks and clones from our River West Vineyard. The end result is a Chardonnay that maintains ample crispness due to balanced acidity.

VIRGINIA'S BLOCK SAUVIGNON BLANC

Deep in the heart of the Russian River Valley, we have a five acre gem of Sauvignon Blanc. As a tribute to Davis Bynum's lovely wife, we named the five acres Virginia's Block. The vines are planted in east-west rows in shallow gravelly Huichica loam. The vines are cane pruned and trained to open up the canopy to allow the sunlight to touch the fruit. These fruit clusters turn golden through harvest, as the flavors become fully mature. The wonderful tropical fruit character and vibrant acidity is a highlight of this wine. The wine has fresh, bright acidity that is complemented by a richness from the portion that spent time in old French oak barrels.



"I treasure Davis' company, and over the years I have learned a great deal about his winemaking philosophy and some local history, too. The endeavor of making delicious wines that reflect his sense of balance and style with just a touch of my own hand is very rewarding." — Greg Morthole, Winemaker

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"After 43 years of winemaking, I was pleased to leave my namesake winery in the most capable hands of the Klein family and winemaker Greg Morthole... They share a dedication to crafting world class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Russian River Valley."

— Davis Bynum, Founder

Great vineyards are rigorously sought in wine country and when they're found, the weaving of passion, vision and a deft hand culminate in a bottle of great wine. Winery owner Tom Klein and winemaker Greg Morthole continue the Davis Bynum tradition with each vintage, meeting unforeseen challenges head-on in a pursuit to craft distinct single vineyard wines from Russian River Valley.



WINEMAKER
Greg Morthole

PROPRIETOR
Tom Klein

FOUNDER
Davis Bynum

A LEGACY LIVES ON

