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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY Sonoma County 2018 PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

Davis Bynum Pinot Noirs showcase the unique terroir of distinct sites in the Russian River Valley. This Pinot Noir blends the characteristics of two separate neighborhoods to create a wine with richness, balance, and complexity. The darker fruit tones and velvety tannins come from fruit grown in the warmer Santa Rosa Plains neighborhood while the fruit from vineyards in the much cooler Green Valley neighborhood add brightness and a vibrant acidity.

THE HARVEST

2018 had a mild and low precipitation growing season with just under 2 feet of rain. Summer saw a handful of days reaching over 90°F but none over 100°F at our Jane's Vineyard located in the warmer Santa Rosa Plains neighborhood of the Russian River Valley. Picking started a week later than in the much warmer 2017 vintage with cool and overcast mornings into early September.

WINEMAKING

For this vintage of our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, we blended warmer climate fruit with that grown in a cooler area to create a wine with tension between the rich fruit and lush mouthfeel of a centrally located Russian River vineyard against the bright fruit and racy acidity from the westernmost vineyards. The blend was completed after each different vineyard block was aged separately for 10 months and reached our standard for what a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir should be.

TASTE PROFILE

Earthy aromas of leather, strawberry and rhubarb lead to a medium body with notes of strawberry, juicy blue fruit and a hint of spice. The wine ends with a long finish of red fruit, lingering acidity and velvety tannins. Savor this wine with goat cheese crostini topped with wild mushrooms, rosemary crusted lamb shanks or your favorite sharp cheese.



HARVEST DATE
9.11.2018 - 9.22.2018

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST
25.4° Brix

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION
100% Russian River Valley

SOIL
Goldridge sandy loam

VINEYARD
Jane's, Dutton Lorenzo,
Dutton Gregori, Dutton Barron

pH
3.55

TA
.59g/100mL

ALC
14.5%

WINEMAKERS
Greg Morthole

CLONES
2A, 23, 113, 114, 115,
667, 777, Pommard

OAK AGING
13 months in French & Hungarian
oak barrels, 22% new



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 single vineyard wines grown exclusively in the Russian River Valley.