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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY Sonoma County
2019 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

The 2019 vintage started off with copious amounts of rain saturating the soil in late winter, with even more rain lasting through spring. A hot June facilitated vine growth followed by a considerable heat spike in August, pushing the sugars up and allowing the berries to develop ripe flavors. With everything in balance for a beautiful harvest, we hand picked this fruit in the cool early morning hours of September 5-20.

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 15v months and reached our standard for what a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir should be.

TASTE PROFILE

A fruity mix of ripe strawberry compote and dried red plum melded with toasted marshmallow and gentle notes of vanilla. The mouthfeel is smooth, complemented by soft tannins and a slightly spicy oak tone throughout. Enjoy this wine with goat cheese crostini topped with wild mushrooms, rosemary crusted lamb shanks or your favorite sharp cheese.



HARVEST DATE 9.5.19-9.20.19	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 24.0° Brix	VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir	
APPELLATION 100% Russian River Valley		SOIL Goldridge sandy loam	
VINEYARD Jane's, Dutton Lorenzo, Lafranchi, Blue Wing		pH 3.44	ALC 14.5%
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole		CLONES 2A, 23, 114, 115, 667, 777, Pommard	OAK AGING 15 months in French & Hungarian oak barrels, 32% 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.