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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY Sonoma County  
2021 PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

Davis Bynum Pinot Noirs showcase terroir, differences in flavor from distinct sites in the Russian River Valley. This Russian River Valley Pinot blends the characters of six different vineyards in three distinct neighborhoods to create a wine with complexity and balance. Red fruit, spice, and ageable tannins come from the River West and Shone Farm vineyards in the warmest area to the north, called the Middle Reach. Savory earth, cherry, and velvety tannins are typical from Jane's and Oak Meadows vineyards in the warm, central, Santa Rosa Plains area with its clay-rich soils. The two Dutton vineyards in the foggy, cooler, Green Valley neighborhood to the southwest are noted for their Goldridge fine sandy loam soils and add vibrant berry fruit and fresh acidity to the blend.

THE HARVEST

The 2021 vintage was mild and dry. Seasonable weather made for very pleasant spring and summer days. Due to the even temperatures, we predicted an early harvest, but we found that the blocks were ripening slow and steady and needed a little more time to ripen than in previous vintages. The cooler climate Dutton Ranch vineyards picked earliest due to lower yields, largely due to a higher percentage of smaller, seedless berries, which are nice to have for concentration in the finished wine. Predictably, the warmer vineyards in the north and central neighborhoods picked after that.

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

This wine opens with a hint of minerality before notes of ripe strawberry and cherry fruit fill your senses. Toasted marshmallow, baking spice and creamy tones follow in a nod to the choice of oak barrels. The rich mouth is balanced with acidity underpinning flavors of cherry, spice and savory notes. The finish is elegant, showing classic flavors of cherry compote and toasted oak through the end.



HARVEST DATE 8.27.21 – 9.22.21	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 25.1° Brix	VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION 100% Russian River Valley	SOIL Pleasanton gravelly clay loam, Yolo sandy clay loam, and Goldridge fine sandy loam	
	VINEYARD River West, Oak Meadows, Jane's, Dutton Ranch, Shone Farms	pH 3.43
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole	ALC 14.5%	
	CLONES 115, 667, 777, Pommard, Wente	OAK AGING 14 months in French/Hungarian oak barrels, 40% 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 wines grown exclusively in Russian River Valley.