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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY Sonoma County
2022 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 from four different vineyards in two unique RRV neighborhoods to create a wine with complexity and balance. Red fruit, spice, and ageable tannins come from the River West and Preston vineyards in the warm northern area famous for its historic vineyards, in a stretch of land along the Russian River known as the Middle Reach. Farther to the southwest lies an area called the Green Valley, known for its iconic sandy Goldridge soil, where the two Dutton Ranch vineyards lie, cool and fog-soaked from the ocean's influence outside of the towns of Graton and Forestville, adding vibrant berry fruit and fresh acidity to the blend.

THE HARVEST

The 2022 vintage was very mild. Rain from the previous autumn was light, and the new year entered warm and dry with daytime highs up to 70°F in early spring. An unusual sprinkle of rain in early summer was no cause for concern, and the temperature turned predictably hot a few days in June as usual, but the season was mild overall, with most summer days peaking around 85-90°F. An early start to harvest came as no surprise with the seasonable weather, as we picked the different vineyard blocks from August 16 to September 10.

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

TASTE PROFILE

Ripe red cherry and toasty oak aromas overlie a layer of toasted marshmallow, mineral, and caramel. Baking spice and creamy flavors follow in a nod to both variety and choice oak barrels. The mouth is smooth and balanced, creamy, with acidity underpinning, as cherry flavors hold court in a complex mélange of fruit, spice, and savory notes. The finish is elegant, with balance and grace, classic flavors of cherry compote and toasted oak through the end.



HARVEST DATE 8.16.22 – 9.10.22	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 25.3° Brix	VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION 100% Russian River Valley	SOIL Pleasanton gravelly clay loam, Yolo sandy clay loam, Haire clay loam and Goldridge fine sandy loam	
	pH 3.64	TA 0.54g/100mL
VINEYARD River West, Preston, Dutton Ranch-Lorenzo, Dutton Ranch-Gregori	CLONES 115, 667, 777, Pommard, Wente	OAK AGING 15 months in French/Hungarian oak barrels, 46% new
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole		



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.