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pinot noir
sweetwater springs vineyard
russian river valley



TECHNICAL NOTES:

Vineyard Designate: Sweetwater Springs Vineyard
AVA: Russian River Valley
Production: 50 cases
Alcohol: 13.5%
Unfined + Unfiltered
Release Date: October 15th, 2016

VINEYARD

Sweetwater Springs Vineyard is located on Westside Road in the heart of the Russian River Valley. With its temperate climate of mild days and cold nights due to its proximity to the Russian River, Sweetwater Springs Vineyard is an optimal site for our Russian River Pinot Noir.

Planted on a lower swale next to the small creek running through the property, the Sweetwater Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir is 100% Pommard Clone 4. Known for its structure, high fruit quality and aging potential, Pommard Clone exhibits intense structures coupled with dark fresh fruit and a supple mouthfeel. The cold microclimate of this block further exemplifies the fresh, bright natural acidity of the Pommard Clone as well as the site as a whole - the trademark for our Sweetwater Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, creating ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set throughout the summer. The warm summer accelerated the fruiting cycle, causing an early start to veraison. Harvest temperatures were moderate to warm, allowing the fruit to mature slowly and fully. We harvested our Pinot Noir from Sweetwater Springs Vineyard on 24.3° Brix on August 22nd, 2014.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaker strives to allow the site to shine in every wine he produces. All lots of Pinot Noir undergo an extended cold soak until native yeast begin a spontaneous fermentation in open-top fermentors, where the grapes are punched down by hand once to twice per day. Our small lot fermentations, with no whole cluster, take upwards of a month before a light pressing to barrel for their extended aging. Our Pinot Noir remains in 100% used French oak barrels for 16 months and then is racked once before it is bottled unfined and unfiltered.

WINE

With bright wild strawberry, spiced plum and raspberry, this wine is dynamic and evolving on the palate counterbalanced by notes of minerality from Gold Ridge soil. It's powerful yet not overly rich, a perfect combination of fruit and savory spice showcasing the beauty of Russian River Valley. It's silky smooth texture that's most memorable, lengthy and full bodied, luxurious and beautiful, integrated in oak with a long finish spiked with orange zest, warm spices and vanilla bean.

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