

MACROSTIE

WINERY AND VINEYARDS

2018 MacRostie Russian River Pinot Noir

ORIGIN: This wine displays the complex, concentrated and fruit-driven style of Pinot Noir that exemplifies the Russian River Valley. To craft this wine, we work with a handful of top vineyards including our own Thale's Estate Vineyard in the Middle Reach of Russian River Valley. The blend also includes fruit from the Dutton family's acclaimed Manzana and Winkler properties, both of which are in the cool Green Valley region.

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2018 growing season began with warm winter weather, before things turned cool and rainy in February, which prevented an early budbreak. While the rains continued, things warmed up again in March, providing ideal nutrients and growing conditions for the vines. From June onwards the weather was lovely and temperate, with sunny days and cool nights ensuring excellent flavor development and acid retention in the grapes. As harvest drew near, the weather turned warm providing a final push to ripeness. The fruit was hand-harvested on separate days for each vineyard: Thale's on September 18th, and Manzana and Winkler on September 24th of 2018. The different harvest dates reflect the individual nature of each site, and what each vineyard lends to the complexity of this wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The fruit was picked as whole clusters and brought to the winery in half-ton Macro Bins. It was then hand-sorted and gently destemmed into our 1-ton Super T fermenters. The skins of the fruit were punched down twice a day during fermentation to achieve maximum color and flavor extraction, with minimal harsh tannins from the seeds. When primary fermentation was complete, the wine was pressed from the skins into French oak barrels from a variety of different cooperages, 32% of which were new, and 29% one-year-old. The final blend was assembled just prior to bottling, which occurred August 8th, 2019.

TASTING NOTES: From its vibrant ruby-red color to its alluring aromas of blackberry, black currant, licorice and black tea, this is a lush and expansive expression of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. On the palate, vibrant acidity and velvety tannins make this a great food wine, and one that will age very well over the next decade.

ABV: 14.2%

AVA: Russian River Valley, CA

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

OAK: 100% French oak barrels, 32% New

MONTHS IN A BARREL: 10

WINEMAKER NAME: Heidi Bridenhagenn



CASES: 834

