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2023 PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley - Sonoma County



OUR STORY

Born from a passion for hard work and testing limits, a love of place – Russian River Valley – and enthusiasm for all things wine, Davis Bynum wines are a living legacy to their namesake – a true pioneer and champion of the Russian River Valley. Drawing on our 50 years of experience capturing the essence of the Russian River Valley we craft award-winning Pinot Noir from River West Vineyard that tell the story of the land we love. This passion for the land is at the core of winemaker Greg Morthole’s “Let the Land Speak” approach to winemaking. His intentionality and imagination continue the quality-driven approach of Davis Bynum and the commitment to the pursuit of excellence, quality, and consistency in all that we do. We believe great wine comes from great grapes and together we invite you to share our passion for letting the land speak.

THE VINEYARD

This Pinot Noir blends the characters from six different vineyards in two unique Russian River Valley neighborhoods to create a wine with complexity and balance. Red fruit, spice, and ageable tannins come from the River West and Preston vineyards located in the warm northern area known as the Middle Reach. We sourced from the two Dutton Ranch vineyards located in the cool, fog-soaked Green Valley adding vibrant berry fruit and fresh acidity. The Oak Meadows vineyard in the clay loams of the Santa Rosa Plains adds savory notes and richness, while smaller amounts from the Laguna Ridge, Sebastopol Hills and Eastern Hills neighborhoods add other spice, fruit, savory and tannin elements to the blend.

THE HARVEST

Due to excessive rain in the spring of 2023, the ground became saturated, leading to a delayed bud break, which consequently resulted in a late harvest in the fall. After a final inch of rain in early May, sunny and dry weather became the norm. Pleasant summer days rarely reached temperatures of 95°F until late August. The process of grapes changing color, was predictably delayed by about a month. A rare tropical storm hit California, causing a change in air pressure that brought light drizzle, another quarter of an inch of rain fell in late September, right as we were beginning our harvest, prompting us to pause and allow the ground to dry out. We started harvest weeks later than normal, from Sept 12 through Oct 19, about a month later than usual, but under ideal fall conditions with perfectly healthy grapes.

TASTE PROFILE

Ripe red plum and toasty oak aromas overlie a layer of baking spice, mineral, and caramel. The mouth, with concentrated strawberry, ripe red cherry compote and some oak spice, is smooth, balanced and creamy, underpinned by balanced acidity. The finish is elegant, with balance and grace, classic flavors of cherry compote and toasted oak through the end.

Our 2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a vegan wine.

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VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

100% Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS

River West, Oak Meadows, Preston, Lynmar, Kozlowski, Dutton Ranch-Gregori, Dutton Ranch-Lorenzo, Shiloh Glen

WINEMAKER

Greg Morthole

HARVEST DATE

9.12.23 – 10.19.23

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST

25.4° Brix

SOIL

Pleasanton gravelly clay loam, Yolo and Spreckels sandy clay loams, Haire and Huichica clay loams and Goldridge fine sandy loam

pH

3.48

TA

0.59g/100ml

ALCOHOL

14.5%

CLONES

37, 113, 115, 667, 777, Jackson, Pommard, Wente

OAK AGING

14 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels, 31% new

