



2019 ENROUTE PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, “LES POMMIERS”

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates: August 29 – October 3, 2019

Fermentation: Majority in 4, 5 & 6-ton open top tanks; 10% in 3-ton concrete tanks, 15% whole cluster

Skin Contact: 5-10 day average

Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels
(36% new, 64% neutral)

Release Date: Spring 2021

Alcohol Level: 14.5%

First Vintage: 2007

Winemaker: Michael Accurso

Director of Winemaking: Andrew Delos

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Our Northern Spy Vineyard in Russian River Valley’s Green Valley AVA was an abandoned apple orchard that was groomed specifically for EnRoute. We are thrilled with the quality of the fruit coming from this site, which grows on the region’s famous Goldridge soils. Pommard 5, Mt. Eden, Swan, 2A and Dijon clones 115 and 777 are planted on 101-14 rootstock with 4 x 7 spacing in this vineyard. Our Amber Ridge Vineyard is located on rolling terrain in the upper Middle Reach area of the Russian River Valley. Planted with bilateral vertical trellising, the clonal mix includes Pommard 5, Calera and Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777 using 101-14 rootstock to limit vigor. Manzana Vineyard continues to play an important role in the Les Pommiers blend, with its hillside fruit planted in Green Valley to Dijon clones 114, 115 and Pommard 5.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 growing season started with copious amounts of rainfall, followed by a long, warm spring with cool nights and foggy mornings. Full water tables and reservoirs allowed us to use minimal irrigation throughout the season. June and July continued the mild and mellow trend, with everything ripening at a slow, even pace. The low-drama summer allowed us to wait until our vines and fruit were at ideal maturity. We took our time bringing fruit into the winery, starting in late August and working through the first few days of October.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Plush and ripe on the palate, the 2019 “Les Pommiers” offers bright notes of raspberry preserves and forest floor, plus the baking spice and confectionary accents that result from an elegant balance of new and neutral oak. There’s a beautiful purity of fruit from start to end, with generous berry notes and clove accents that pop on the finish.



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