



## 2019 River Road Ranch Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Three generations farming premium wine grapes across five estate ranches for over four decades, the Trione family produce small lot, hand-crafted wines showcasing the best fruit from our vineyards.

**Winemaker Tasting Notes:** A classic Russian River Pinot Noir with heady, dark medieval forest floor earthiness and a bright cherry cola fruit characteristic. The wine is beautifully balanced – rich, full bodied with a great depth and length of finish. This wine screams Russian River Valley but reminds us of its Burgundian heritage.

**Retail Price:** \$46

**Vineyard:** The River Road Ranch vineyard is located within the Russian River Valley AVA. The soil composition is Cortina, characterized as deep, well-draining soil composed mainly of gravel/sandy loam. This fast-draining soil leads to stressed vines that focus their energy on the grapes rather than leafy growth, resulting in more intensity and concentration.

38°29'18.9"N 122°49'00.5"W

**Vintage:** The 2019 growing season was nearly ideal for even ripening and optimum flavor development. Sonoma County experienced a few late rains in the month of May followed by a series of warm days that provided full fruit maturity across all vineyard sites and all varieties. The crop load was right where we wanted it, and the mild fall weather patterns ripened the fruit to perfection.

**Winemaking:** Traditional techniques using open top fermenters and manual punch downs were implemented. To accentuate the fruit component, twenty percent of the grapes were added whole cluster to the wine during fermentation. The components are a selection of clones from our Russian River Ranch. We chose 777, 667, 114, 115 and UCD37. Each clone brings to the blend its own distinct characteristics. The 777 clone adds pronounced Pinot Noir aroma, good color and a very silky texture, 667 is bright and aromatic, 114 is super fruity, 115 lends good color and acid, and UCD37 is bold and full bodied.

**Oak:** 100% French | **Aging:** 14 months

*"Three generations, five decades of farming, five ranches.  
Our family is deeply rooted in Sonoma County."*

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