



2022 Cochon Les Sirenes Pinot Noir, Russian River (235 Cases Produced) (100% Pinot Noir, Clones Swan, 777,114 and Pommard)

Vineyards: Our goal with the Les Sirenes Pinot Noir is to showcase the diversity and uniqueness of Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. This Vintage is from two different vineyards farmed by the Dutton family in classic Goldridge soils with different microclimates and exposures. The core of the blend is the Swan Clone of Pinot Noir from Morelli Lane Vineyard east of the Town of Occidental in the Green Valley of Russian River Valley, mature vines planted at 700 ft. in classic Goldridge sandy loam. Also from Green Valley are Clones 777, 114 and Pommard from Perry Ranch. This special vineyard is located near the town of Occidental at the headwaters of Green Valley Creek in the Russian River Valley. Formerly known, as Keefer Ranch, the vineyard was first planted in 1989 by Marcy Keefer on a former apple orchard. Here the mature vines planted in classic Goldridge soils, benefit from the cooling effects of the Pacific Ocean and the lingering fog, making for a long cool growing season. The gentle, sloping, well-drained and south-facing exposure allows for a long hang time, creating complexity and ripe tannins in the fruit.

Winemaking: The fruit from each site was picked at night and brought in to the winery in the early morning hours in mid- September. Half of the fruit was destemmed leaving 50% to ferment whole-cluster. Prior to fermentation the grapes were chilled to 50 degrees in a small open top tank and held for 5 days to cold soak before a natural fermentation began from the grapes own native yeasts. During fermentation the grapes were punched down two times daily for a period of two weeks before being pressed and transferred to French oak barrels 35% of which were new for natural malolactic fermentation and aging. The wine aged in barrel for 28 months before being blended, racked to tank and bottled unfiltered.

The Wine: Reveals a vibrant ruby-purple color with a delicate nose of rose petal, crushed flowers, spicy red cherry, pomegranate and red plum fruits touched off by hints of pink peppercorn, savory spices, forest floor, vanilla and toasted brioche. Medium-bodied with a concentrated core of bright, mineral-laced, red fruits that interplay with spice character on the palate, all carried and lifted by a lively acidity. Smooth and polished displaying a silky, velvety, supple texture and fine-grained powdery tannins that persist on the complex, elegant finish.

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