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Estate Grown Pinot Noir

2016 HALLBERG RANCH PINOT NOIR

Forbes

Outstanding

“Emeritus Vineyards - Russian River Valley Pinot Noirs of Great Esteem”

“The axiom of doing one thing and doing it well clearly applies to Emeritus Vineyards of Sonoma County. That one thing is Pinot Noir and they do it extremely well.

Hallberg Ranch is situated in a small sub-zone of Russian River Valley known as Green Valley; cool temperatures here are beneficial to a long, slow maturation of the grapes, which results in expressive aromatics and lively acidity. But the real advantage of the Hallberg Ranch is the fact that the vineyard is dry farmed, resulting in roots of the vines going deep to find nutrition. Production is limited, and on the prized Goldridge soils, this ultimately means Pinot Noirs of greater complexities and superb structure for cellaring.

2016 Hallberg Ranch Pinot Noir

Aromas of ripe Bing cherry, turmeric, vanilla and cherry jam. Medium-full with very good to excellent concentration. Wood notes are well integrated. Excellent persistence, good acidity.”

-Tom Hyland, February 2019

The Tasting Panel

94 Points

“Fruit from 40 individual lots within this famed vineyard—which is planted to 11 different clones—went into this delectable wine. Juicy and vibrant with a streamlined texture, it aged ten months in 32% new French oak. Aromas of cinnamon toast and Bing cherry lead to flavors of spicy cherry and mocha before strawberry leans in with toasted almond.”

-Meridith May, September 2019

Restaurant Wine

5 Stars out of 5: Exceptional quality for its type and style; a superstar within its price category. Merits an extra special effort to purchase.

Very highly recommended

“Supple and full bodied, this is a rich, complex Pinot Noir with intense plum, cherry, black tea, sage, rose petal, pepper, and toasty oak aromas/flavors, good balance, and a very long, lingering finish. Still young; warrants further again. Great value!”

-Ronn Wiegand, February 2020



JamesSuckling.com

93 Points: Outstanding

“Very attractive aromas of ripe dark cherries here with a swath of blueberries and violets, too. The palate has a supple, smooth and glossy feel with a sleek array of fine tannins, folding out long and smooth at the finish. Solid pinot here.”

-Nick Stock, December 2019

Wine Review Online

93 Points

“This latest from Emeritus Vineyards showcases the impressive depth and complexity of pinot from the Russian River's better vineyards. With an earthy undertone and complex aromas of raspberry and black cherry, the Hallberg Ranch is layered and long, with a pleasing finish enhanced by notes of baking spices.”

-Robert Whitley, December 2019

The Press Democrat

★★★★: Highly recommended

“Savvy Pinot Noirs - Tasty alternatives”

“An impressive pinot with bright red fruit — cherry and cranberry — racing through it. Buoyed by crisp acidity. Lingering finish. Smart.”

-Peg Melnik, May 2019

Sonoma Magazine

“Top 100 Sonoma Wines 2019”

2016 Emeritus Hallberg Ranch Pinot Noir

Emeritus founder Brice Cutrer Jones (he also started Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards) brought in his daughter, Mari Jones, as partner and COO and hired winemaker Dave Lattin, formerly of Kuleto Estate. **The pairing is simpatico and the wines have never been better.** Hallberg, an estate vineyard, produced this perfumed, medium-full-bodied wine showing bright black cherry fruit, savory spice, smooth tannins, and palate- cleansing acidity.”

-Linda Murphy, December 2019