

**2016 EMERITUS VINEYARDS, HALLBERG RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ESTATE GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED PINOT NOIR**

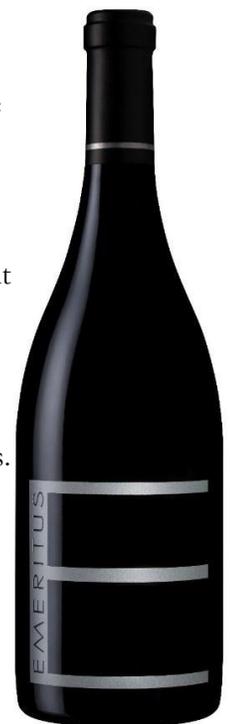
**The Hallberg Ranch Estate**

Emeritus Vineyards was founded in 1999 by legendary vintner Brice Cutrer Jones when he acquired then planted the Hallberg Ranch after selling his first winery, Sonoma-Cutrer. The site has a significant marine influence and regular diurnal temperature swings of 40°F. There are eleven clones planted on the site, including two field selections from iconic vineyards in the Côte de Nuits. Because the vineyard has been dry farmed since 2011, the roots of the vines can reach depths of 20 feet or more in search of water stored in the clay subsoil. Dry farming allows the grapes to achieve exceptional physiological ripeness at lower sugar levels, while retaining the acidity that is essential to great Pinot Noir. Hand harvesting at night further ensures that the acidity and complex flavors are preserved in the fruit.

**The Wine**

The 2016 Hallberg Ranch Pinot is pure, elegant, layered and complex. The wine is reminiscent of a warm black cherry tart dusted with cinnamon. There are hints of caramelized sugar and freshly toasted almonds. The wine is driven by dark spices and earth, with a sturdy frame from fine-grained tannins. All of these elements seamlessly combine to create the distinctive wine that captures the beauty of Hallberg Ranch.

<b>Appellation</b>	Russian River Valley (Sebastopol)
<b>Vineyard</b>	Hallberg Ranch
<b>Soil Series</b>	Goldridge sandy loam underlain with sandy clay loam
<b>Clones</b>	115, 777, 828, 4, 5, 37, 459, 667, Cruz, Elite, Hyde
<b>Fermentation</b>	Cold soak for 7 days, indigenous yeast fermentation
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	French oak, 35% new, aged 10 months
<b>Bottled</b>	Unfined and unfiltered
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.8%
<b>Retail Price</b>	\$45



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*"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. Drink or hold."*



**Wine & Spirits**

*In 2020, Emeritus Vineyards "Hallberg Ranch" was voted #4 Pinot Noir by restaurant wine polls. For almost a decade Emeritus has ranked in the top 5 in the annual restaurant poll. Emeritus has become a national benchmark for restaurateurs and diners.*