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EMERITUS
Estate Grown Pinot Noir

**2017 EMERITUS VINEYARDS, HALLBERG RANCH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ESTATE GROWN PINOT NOIR**

Vineyard Notes:

Emeritus Vineyards was founded in 1999 by legendary vintner Brice Cutrer Jones when he acquired 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.

Vintage Notes:

2017 was a classic Russian River Valley vintage. With near-perfect weather throughout spring and summer, the grapes were able to develop beautifully. A heatwave came halfway through harvest in early September, but because the roots of our dry farmed vines are tapped into water stored deep underground, the vines showed no signs of stress. The wines retained a lovely freshness and intensity, with each clone expressing itself to the fullest. Thankfully, all our wine was in barrel before the wildfires began in October.

Tasting Notes:

The 2017 Hallberg Ranch is simply bursting with flavors that recount the story of this beautiful vintage. Aromas of red and blue fruits, fresh and dried flowers, and sweet and dark spices are offered up in complex layers that are pure and elegant

Appellation	Russian River Valley (Sebastopol)
Vineyard	Hallberg Ranch
Soil Series	Goldridge sandy loam underlain with sandy clay loam
Clones	115, 777, 828, 4, 5, 37, 459, 667, Cruz, Elite, Hyde
Fermentation	Cold soak for 7 days, indigenous yeast fermentation
Barrel Aging	French oak, 35% new, aged 10 months
Bottled	Unfined and unfiltered
Alcohol	13.7%
Retail Price	\$45

