



EMERITUS VINEYARDS

Estate Grown Pinot Noir

2021 EMERITUS VINEYARDS, 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. His goal was to create a grand-cru-caliber Pinot Noir estate. In 2008 Emeritus purchased an old farm about 8 miles away and planted the Pinot Hill Vineyard. The two vineyards are now some of the most sought-after sources for Pinot Noir in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. Hallberg Ranch has been farmed without supplemental irrigation—dry farmed—since 2011, and Pinot Hill since 2013. Dry farming is not a common practice in California because there is not summer rainfall. This method allows the grapes to develop beautifully full flavors without becoming overripe.

Vintage Notes

The 2021 growing season began with a very dry and cool winter. The relatively modest precipitation limited overall canopy growth and led to small clusters of highly concentrated berries. With temperate summer weather and no significant heat events, there are spectacular flavors from the smaller-than-average crop. At the same time, due to our dry-farming practices, flavors were able to develop at much lower sugars than irrigated vineyards, which is a recipe for beautifully balanced wines.

Tasting Notes

The smaller crop is evident when looking at the gorgeous deep red color of this wine. This is a vintage that thrilled our whole team from start to finish with each clone and block displaying maximum personality. Striking aromas of blue fruits, rose petals, and stones flow from the glass on the first pour. A little air reveals secondary notes of raw hazelnut and walnut shells, and something akin to black cherry pits. The aromas lead you to a concentrated and layered wine, and it does not disappoint. Having both the grace of Hallberg Ranch and the power of Pinot Hill, our Russian River Pinot Noir fills the palate to every corner, and the flavors linger long after you've taken your last sip, the hallmark of a fantastic vintage!



Appellation	Russian River Valley (Sebastopol)
Vineyard Sources	Hallberg Ranch & Pinot Hill
Varietals	Pinot Noir
Clones	115, 828, Elite, 943, Swan, 37, 667, Hyde
Soil Series	Goldridge sandy loam underlain with clay soils
Barrel Program	French oak, 24% new, aged 10 months
Bottled	Unfined
Alcohol	13.8%