

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2021 HALLBERG RANCH PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1974 with our first vintage of single vineyard Chardonnay. Now celebrating our golden anniversary, we are proud to release this inaugural wine with continued dedication to Sonoma County and the special vineyard sites our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The Hallberg vineyard is situated in the heart of the Russian River Valley. A prestigious hillside vineyard that has established itself as a premium source for top rated Pinot Noir. Hallberg Ranch features sandy-loam soils and enjoys beautiful sunny afternoons tempered by fog and coastal breezes, allowing the grapes to retain crucial acidity and to produce wine with deep ruby color, pure flavors, and seamless structure.

VINTAGE

2021 was a perfect ripening vintage in the Russian River Valley, and the Pinot Noir fruit from this dry-farmed ranch was exceptional. With mild Winter and Spring temperatures, budbreak was ahead of average. Summer was warm and dry, with above average temperatures in August and September, leading to an early and fast ripening harvest. The warm weather resulted in ripe fruit flavors and one of the earliest starts of harvest in recent history.

WINEMAKING

Our Pinot Noir grapes are sorted, crushed and destemmed before a 10-day fermentation on skins. Pump overs are conducted regularly for the duration of primary fermentation. Once primary fermentation is complete, the wine is drained, pressed and barreled down for 18 months in French oaks (35% new).

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Hallberg Ranch Pinot Noir opens with aromas of savory preserved cherries accented with spiced hints of sarsaparilla, vanilla and cinnamon. Silken dark cherry and raspberry flavors with firm tannins on the mid-palate lead into a satisfying finish.

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APPELLATION	Russian River
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
OAK	100% French oak, 35% new
AGING	18 months
ALCOHOL	14.8%
T.A.	6.2 g/100ml
PH	3.4
PRODUCTION	450 (9L) cases