



THE VINEYARDS:

Cecil De Loach planted these delicate Pinot Noir vineyards in 1973 in the Russian River Valley. Located on the plains and gently rolling hills off Olivet road in western Santa Rosa, this area provides an excellent medium for the coastal fog that blankets our fruit in the mornings and evenings. The cooling moisture facilitates a longer growing season in which Pinot Noir thrives.

THE GROWING SEASON:

2019 was one of the coolest and wettest winters in recent memory, bud break arrived about two weeks later than normal. Beyond this slow start to the growing season, we saw multiple heat spikes throughout the summer that brought the maturation of the vines more in line with seasons past.

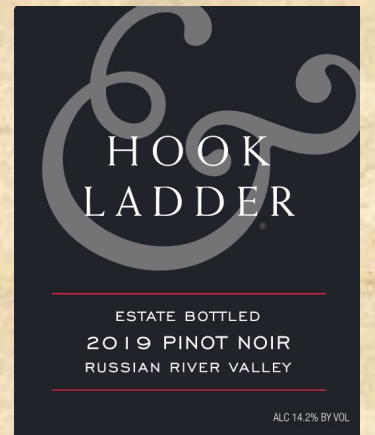
THE WINEMAKING:

We use old world techniques, whole berries, and whole clusters to make our Pinot Noir in small batches that we "punch-down" up to three times a day. After native yeast fermentation the wine is aged in French oak barrels for up to 8 months to achieve optimum balance and complexity.

THE WINE:

Our Estate Pinot Noir has an elegant shimmering-deep garnet color, featuring a compelling aroma of ripe, crushed - black cherry, vanilla, and a sliver of wild game. Immediately approachable, succulent and savory, this Pinot Noir abounds with rich raspberry, dark chocolate, and a full lingering finish of red currant and vanilla bean. A food pairing of crispy duck confit with dried cherry compote would be incredible.

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2019 PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

HARVESTED

9th thru 16th,
2019

ALCOHOL
14.2%

TA
0.55

pH
3.90

CASES PRODUCED
1,600

AGING
8 months in 100%
French Oak

30% New Oak

ESTATE BOTTLED
June 29, 2020

WINEMAKER Jason
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