



**2017 ENROUTE  
MARTY'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Harvest Dates:** August 30 & September 2, 2017

**Fermentation:** 4 & 5-ton open top tanks

**Skin Contact:** 10 days

**Aging:** 14 months in French oak barrels  
(50% new / 50% neutral)

**Release Date:** November 2019

**Alcohol Level:** 14.5%

**First Vintage:** 2015

**Winemaker:** Andrew Delos

**Director of Winemaking:** Dirk Hampson

**VINEYARD DESCRIPTION**

Marty's Vineyard is in the very cool area of Green Valley in the Russian River Valley. It sits high atop a hill overlooking the Russian River Valley and is often blanketed in fog until midday. Sandy Goldridge soils along with the vineyard's coastal proximity create vines that are balanced, require minimal—if any—water during the growing season, grow and mature evenly, and ripen without seeing temperatures above 88 degrees. The resulting grapes are filled with spicy red fruit notes, elegant tannins, and concentrated flavors.

**HARVEST NOTES**

The growing season of 2017 was a bit of a roller coaster ride with more extreme weather than usual. Adequate rainfall filled the soils, allowing for normal budbreak and good vine growth. A small hailstorm in June caused a slight concern of decreasing crop size, but we were very fortunate to have minimal damage. Mature berry tannins and vibrant red-and-black fruit flavors with perfect sugars were present by the third week of August, with picking beginning shortly after.

**SENSORY EVALUATION**

Gorgeous raspberry and Santa Rosa plum aromas are complemented by an incredibly fresh perfume on our 2017 Marty's Vineyard Pinot Noir. Displaying all that we love about this area of Green Valley, the wine is incredibly silky with very fine tannins and a lovely undercurrent of herbes de Provence. The palate is elegant and supple with beautifully integrated fruit, acidity and tannins.



**ENROUTE WINERY**

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