



**2016 EnRoute  
Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir  
Russian River Valley**

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Release Date:** November 2018

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Alcohol Level:** 14.2%

**Harvest Date:** August 14 and 18, 2016

**First Vintage:** 2016

**Fermentation:** 4, 5, and 6-ton open top tanks

**Winemaker:** Andrew Delos

**Skin Contact:** 16 days

**Director of Winemaking:** Dirk Hampson

**Aging:** 15 months in French oak barrels  
(50% new / 50% neutral)

**VINEYARD DESCRIPTION**

The steeply sloped Bucher Vineyard in Russian River Valley grows two heritage clones we selected to produce this enchanting single-vineyard Pinot Noir. Located off of Westside Road in the Middle Reach area of Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir is planted upon well-drained Arbuckle gravelly loam soil using clones 777, 115, 37 and Pommard 4. This wine's dark fruit aromas and earthy flavors are typical expressions of the clones, which benefit from warm days and cool, breezy evenings along the nearby banks of the Russian River.

**HARVEST NOTES**

A warm, dry spring woke our vines up very early in the year, with budbreak and bloom beginning in late February to mid-April. By the second week of August we started to see beautifully mature berry tannins and fresh, red-and-black fruit flavors with perfect sugars across these Russian River Valley vineyards. From the onset of fermentation, the wine displayed lovely red and black fruit aromas with just the right amount of sage, underbrush and a touch of forest floor. Tannins were ripe and elegant and colors ranged from a beautiful transparent purple to Bing-cherry red, resulting in wine that is lusciously perfumed and silky on the palate.

**SENSORY EVALUATION**

A spectacular blend of red fruit aromas along with notes of cherry, strawberry compote, and hints of earthy gaminess add intricacy and intrigue to our inaugural Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine begins with delectable red fruits followed by silky, layered tannins; elegant oak lengthens the palate while simultaneously adding spice and warmth to the finish.



**ENROUTE WINERY**

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR