

# Russian River Vineyards

## Product Information

# 2018 Pinot Noir, Burke Family Vineyards



**Harvest Date:** 9/22/2018

Cold soak: 5-7 Days

Aging Process: 16 months

**Secondary fermentation:** Yes

Bottling date: 5/6/20

Case production: 250

### **Description**

At first inhale, touches of earth, spice and a hint of smoky aromas fill the nose. Traces of caramel, fig, blackberry and cherry linger not too far behind. Slivers of fig and tobacco contribute lovely earthy notes, making the aroma of this wine both interesting and unique. The nose of the 2018 Burke Pinot Noir has clearly been influenced by its roots in the Petaluma Gap.

The source vines are also spaced very tightly, causing the plants to deepen their roots to compete for nutrients. This creates fewer grapes, but a more concentrated crop. The palette on this wine is extremely lush, vibrant, and floral.

Upon drinking, a bouquet of fresh herbs and flowers coats the tongue. The creaminess and richness of the fruit and vanilla tones are complemented by accents of vanilla from the oak barrels. This wine has an unbelievable balance to it, and makes for a lovely, elegant taste delight.

## **Appellation**

Sebastopol Hills Neighborhood of the Russian River Valley

## Unique qualities of vineyard/location

Planted in 1998, high density planting, 4'x4' spacing. 1.25 acres in size and located outside the town of Cotati

## Farming technique & maintenance

Vertical, Cordon spur trained

#### Fermentation details

Fermentation started in open top fermenters then transferred to French oak barrels to finish secondary fermentation

#### Oak Program

35% new French oak

#### Cooperage

Tonnellerie Sirugue Nuits Saint Georges - Bourgogne - France, Bel Air, Mercury