



2020 ENROUTE PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, “LES POMMIERS”

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates: August 17 – September 4, 2020

Fermentation: Majority in 4, 5 & 6-ton open top tanks;
10% in 3-ton concrete tanks, 15% whole cluster

Skin Contact: 5-10 day average

Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels
(34% New French Oak; 33% One-time used; 33% Neutral)

Release Date: Spring 2022

Alcohol Level: 14.5%

First Vintage: 2007

Winemaker: Michael Accurso

Director of Winemaking: Andrew Delos

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Our Northern Spy Vineyard in Russian River Valley’s Green Valley AVA was an abandoned apple orchard that was groomed specifically for EnRoute. We are thrilled with the quality of the fruit coming from this site, which grows on the region’s famous Goldridge soils. Pommard 5, Mt. Eden, Swan, 2A and Dijon clones 115 and 777 are planted on 101-14 rootstock with 4 x 7 spacing in this vineyard. Our Amber Ridge Vineyard is located on rolling terrain in the upper Middle Reach area of the Russian River Valley. Planted with bilateral vertical trellising, the clonal mix includes Pommard 5, Calera and Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777 using 101-14 rootstock to limit vigor. Manzana Vineyard continues to play an important role in the Les Pommiers blend, with its hillside fruit planted in Green Valley to Dijon clones 114, 115 and Pommard 5.

HARVEST NOTES

The Russian River Valley growing season began with a warm dry winter. Warm spring temperatures and coastal winds naturally lightened our crop load, bringing our vines into beautiful balance even before fruit set. A warm, dry summer led to an early ripening year. Our Pinot Noir harvest began in mid-August, about two weeks earlier than normal, and continued into the first week of September. The harvested fruit showed a lovely natural concentration from the early season drought conditions.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2020 “Les Pommiers” presents with a nose of freshly mulled strawberry preserves framed by hints of rose petal and bergamot tea. On the palate the wine shows a beguiling blend of elegance and intensity with flavors of Bing Cherry, Mirabelle plumb and Asian spice. There’s a beautiful purity of fruit throughout, with generous berry notes and vanilla accents that linger across the finish.



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