



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2019 Black Road Vineyard Pinot Noir RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

Black Road Vineyard is the perfect illustration of Jim Pratt's 30-plus years of winegrowing. He has planted some of the most gorgeous and expressive vineyards in Russian River Valley by purposefully matching clones to their unique microclimates. At Black Road Vineyard, Dijon Clones are a winning combination: Clone 114 is soft and forward with a lovely texture while Clone 115 contributes aromatics and structure for good cellaring potential.

"Drawing on two exceptional Dijon Clones, this pinot offers a more serious and structured expression of Russian River Valley."

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE

BLACK ROAD VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

- ~ Vineyard Size: 2 acres
- ~ Year Planted: 2008
- ~ Soil Type: Huichica Clay Loam
- ~ Elevation: 91'
- ~ Clones: 114 & 115 | Rootstock: 101-14
- ~ Aspect: Northeast-Southwest
- ~ Spacing: 9' x 5'

WINEMAKING

- ~ 100% Black Road Vineyard | 100% Pinot Noir
- ~ Harvested September 7, 2019
- ~ Whole-cluster pressed
- ~ No sulphur added to juice prior to fermentation
- ~ 100% native yeast primary fermentation
- ~ 100% wild malolactic fermentation
- ~ Aged 11 months in low toast, air-dried 3-year-old French oak, 25% new
- ~ Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on November 19, 2020

SENSORY

- ~ The wine has a delightful dark garnet center fading to a bright ruby rim, while the nose is dominated by black and blue fruits with wisps of red raspberries.
- ~ Grippy tannin in the mouth encases flavors of blackberry, ripe blueberry and dark cherry that seem to struggle to get free, creating a push and pull between the ripe fruit and darker herb flavors of purple basil and rosemary.
- ~ Finally, at the end of a persistent finish, notes of dark chocolate arrive.

CHEMISTRY

~ Alcohol 13.7% | pH 3.47 | TA 0.47

SRP

~ \$65

