



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2018 BLACK ROAD VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

VINEYARD STORY

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, the Dijon Clones are a winning combination. Clone 114 is soft and forward with a lovely texture and Clone 115 contributes aromatics and structure for good cellaring potential.

THE PLACE

Vineyard Size: 2 acres

Soil Type: Huichica clay loam

Elevation: 91'

Clones: 114 and 115

Rootstock: 101-14

Aspect: Northeast-Southwest

Spacing: 9' x 5'

Year Planted: 2008

WINEMAKING

Harvest Pick: September 12, 2018

Whole-cluster pressing

No sulphur added to juice prior to fermentation

100% native yeast primary fermentation

100% wild malolactic fermentation

Bottled: August 1, 2019

11 months in low toast, air-dry 3-year-old

French oak, 25% new

CHEMISTRY

ABV: 13.9 | pH: 3.41 | TA: 0.60

SENSORY

A most alluring aubergine color is the first sense you encounter with this wine. The Dijon 115 clone gives a light perfume aroma. The fruit flavors are in the dark fruit category (less red/blue) – think blackberry, boysenberry. A hint of root beer makes you smile as you sip. Full-bodied, there's a slight minerality that reflects the Russian River Valley terroir. This Pinot Noir is pleasantly youthful with fine-grained tannins and will continue to develop for the next 3-5 years (2024-2026). Thinking of what to pair it with besides a good book? Try minestrone soup, braised short ribs, duck (or chicken) pâté, portobello mushroom lasagna, or barbecued pork with a chimichurri sauce.

CASES

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