



VAUGHN DUFFY WINES

2021 Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley

SRP: \$50

Release Date: March 2023

Vineyards: This is our 11th vintage of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Our 2021 version is a blend of three vineyards that span this world-renowned Pinot Noir appellation. The vineyards are: Hopkins Ranch (42%), Bacigalupi (29%) and Earl Stephens (29%). The sites represent the different microclimates of the AVA and showcase the diversity of this unique growing region. The clonal makeup of the final blend includes Dijon clone 115, Wente selection and Pommard.

Vintage: The 2021 vintage will be remembered for ideal growing conditions through summer and into harvest and a slightly smaller than average crop size. We had ideal weather at harvest allowing us to pick vineyards at optimal ripeness and without incident.

Winemaking

- The wine aged in French oak barrels (21% new) for 15 months
- 175 cases were bottled unfinned and unfiltered on February 1, 2023
 - Alcohol: 14.5%, pH: 3.59, T.A. 5.8 g/L

Tasting Notes: Our 2021 version of this wine highlights the fruit intensity found in Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. The black cherry, red plum and baking spice aromatics hint at the fruit and spice interplay that dances on the palate. The silky texture opens up to flavors of strawberry preserves, cranberry and notes of savory fresh herbs.