

ONE BRICK

2020 PINOT NOIR

GRAMM VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

We've taken it up a notch for our second Pinot Noir, releasing our first single vineyard selection from the famed Russian River Valley in Sonoma, California. As our winemaker, Mica Raas, said, this wine is "stupidly good." It has classic Russian River written all over it, with distinct bright cherry aromas. The flavors are plummy and fruit driven with a touch of vanilla lending it a delightful French vanilla ice cream like finish (without all the sweetness). It's a focused wine with the balanced acidity that is so important to Pinot Noir given its lower tannins, structurally complete, medium bodied, and hangs in there from first taste to last. Many people worry that Pinot Noir is too light, but this wine has richness and mouthwatering volume.

WINEMAKING NOTES

We 100% destemmed this harvest but kept the berries mostly whole. We fermented with a selection of several yeasts to help achieve the profile we were looking for. During fermentation the wine received gentle pumpovers daily to promote body and color without astringency, and we kept the fermentation cool to retain the fresh flavors. The whole berry fermentation accentuated the red fruit profile of this wine. After fermentation, we pressed the wine lightly off the skins and seeds and put it down to barrel to age. As it aged we stirred the lees back in once per month (a practice known as battonage in France) to promote a creamy mouthfeel, then gently racked before bottling.

FOOD PAIRING

If you're looking for a red wine to pair with oysters, our Winemaker, Mica, says this is his choice! Lamb croquettes are a great pairing. However, this is not a steak wine, our Cabernet is for that! More flavorful lean meats are good choices for pairing here. For vegetarian pairings we recommend experimenting with earthier vegetable dishes using mushrooms, eggplant, lentils, and root vegetables.

AGING

Aged in 80% new French Allier barrels and 20% neutral barrels for 6 months.



WINE SPECS

100% Pinot Noir, clone 777
13.8% alcohol



"One Brick is the start of something more. One Brick is the first step on a path. Whether you're building trust in a relationship, starting a new personal journey, or trying to be the best mom you can be; One Brick is a reminder that every step matters. Building brick by brick, you can do anything!"

Mica Raas