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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Merry Edwards Winery

Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Sonoma County, United States

Vintage: 2020

Overview

Merry Edwards Winery was founded in 1997 and produces terroir-driven, single-vineyard wines from 80 acres of estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The winery is known for crafting Pinot Noirs of immense depth, elegant structure and exceptional longevity as well as its aromatic, barrel-aged Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc, which is among the most sought after made in California. A single-vineyard Chardonnay and Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc round out the portfolio.

This Pinot Noir, which was blended from a variety of vineyards that escaped the fires unharmed, has been produced every vintage since 1997. It is crafted with an eye toward highlighting the beautiful fruit grown throughout the appellation. Once we create our vineyard-designated wines, each of which showcases a unique terroir, we pick from the remaining lots those that will make up the blend for this wine. Being able to selectively choose from this array of vineyards allows us to clearly illustrate the diversity of terroir in the Russian River Valley Appellation, and the stunning aromas and rich wines of depth that we are able to produce year after year.

Winemaking

Fully de-stemmed, berries are cold-soaked for an average of seven days. The 2020 vintage aged in 25 percent new French oak for ten months, allowing the wine time to rest on the lees, gaining depth and mouthfeel. This regime has led to a Pinot Noir of great balance, foretelling of a long life ahead.

Clones: Dijon 115, 667, 777; Pommard; UCD 37; Swan; Windsor Gardens.

Tasting Notes

This wine opens with a big, aromatic burst of sweet sassafras, baking spice, blackberries and stone fruits. In the mouth, it is full and robust with ripe fruit and round tannins. As the wine continues to open, it shows a true purity of fruit and becomes silkier on the palate. Juicy, sweet notes of black cherries, violets and sweet vanilla oak carry through in a long, pleasing finish.

Food Pairing

Lamb is a classic protein to pair with the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, and these herb-filled, juicy Mediterranean Lamb Burgers are no exception. What sets this recipe apart are the topping suggestions: spiced yogurt, olive tapenade, feta cheese, tomatoes, fresh spinach leaves, sautéed onions, mushrooms. You can do one, some or all of the toppings...the more, the messier!

Find this recipe at merryedwards.com.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
Wine Alcohol: 14.5%
New Oak: 25% new French oak
Aging: Aged sur lie 10 months

