

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



MERRY EDWARDS

Winery and Vineyards

Russian River Valley



Merry Edwards Winery

## Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir

Sonoma County, United States

Vintage: 2018

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### 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.

Klopp Ranch lies in an area of Russian River Valley Merry called "The Golden Triangle." This narrow expanse of land is blessed with moderate climate and excellent drainage provided by sandy Goldridge soils. Located northwest of the Santa Rosa Plain, on the eastern slope of Laguna Ridge, it overlooks the Laguna de Santa Rosa wintertime lake. Ted Klopp purchased his 37-acre property in 1982.

### Tasting Notes

The approachable and inviting 2018 vintage perfectly illustrates the character of this wine. The nose brings scents of candied cherry, blood orange, cocoa powder, brown spice and floral notes. The palate is round and balanced on entry, with well-integrated French oak and bright acidity. The sustained finish is spicy and lively, with a hint of pomegranate and a touch of leather.

### Food Pairing

Pairs beautifully with garden fresh vegetables for a savory Fall stew. Yukon gold potatoes and Nantes carrots add intense flavor. The "stew" meat can be upgraded to a flat iron steak—the tenderness is totally worth it! Serve with a green salad and crusty French bread as a hearty meal to enjoy with the Klopp Ranch Pinot.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Acres: 37 total; 26 planted acres

Soil Composition: Goldridge sandy loam