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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Merry Edwards Winery

Olivet Lane 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.

Located on western benchland of the Santa Rosa Plain, Olivet Lane produces grapes coveted by the finest winemakers in Sonoma County. This heritage property is one of the oldest existing Pinot vineyards in the appellation and has been widely recognized as a prime example of the classic style of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. The land has well-drained, gravelly, clay loam soil and a cool Region I climate. The Martini clone of Pinot, selected for this site, is recognized today as uniquely reflecting the classic features of the appellation's terroir. She has produced a single vineyard bottling from Olivet Lane every year since founding the Merry Edwards brand in 1997.

Tasting Notes

The 2018 growing season was mild and even, allowing for a later harvest than we had the previous three seasons. The resulting wine possesses a deep purple-garnet hue and promising perfume that foretells a long future. Aromas of roses, red cherries, blackberries and raspberries combine with wet stone, forest floor, a scattering of baking spices and a dusting of cocoa. Mouthwatering acidity and plush tannins create an elegant, graceful balance that belies this wine's youth.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
Acres: 60 acres; 22 planted to Pinot Noir acres
Soil Composition: Gravelly clay loam
Average Vine Age: Planted in 1973 and 2017