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2019 PINOT NOIR, EL DIABLO VINEYARD

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

AGING
11 months
35% new French oak
20% whole cluster

ALCOHOL
14.3%

CLONES
53% Vosne-Romanée
47% Calera

An exuberant bottling of this Pinot Noir block perched on a north-facing slope on Eastside Road. Picked the 2nd week of September, the Vosne-Romanée Selection and Pommard Clone were harvested on the same day. The fruit composition is both intensely flavored and yielded higher natural acidity that played out magically as a wine. On the nose the wine pops from the glass with red currant, rhubarb, and strawberry preserves. With a similar whole-cluster percentage as the 2018, the stems lend a hint of chai spice to the nose, playing a minor role to the currently fruit-driven core.

The two clones of Pinot Noir were fermented and barrel aged separately, given different treatments and cooperage selections to drive the personalities of each lot independently. The final wine is concentrated and full of vitality with well-defined tannins that complement the flavor-focused vintage. Bottled after 11 months with a desire to maintain freshness, this wine is delicious young but will reward patience.

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