

Martin Ray

2018

PINOT NOIR

Hallberg Ranch

Green Valley of the Russian River Valley



BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.4°

pH: 3.7

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.3 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

THE WINE

Quintessential cool-climate Green Valley, this wine embodies the balance of bright, high toned fruit, a mineral driven round body and silky refined tannins.

SOURCING

Hallberg Ranch

VINEYARD NOTES

Revered for its impeccable fruit, Hallberg Ranch is 100% dry-farmed vineyard set on rolling hills of the southern edge of the Green Valley in the heart of the Russian River Valley. We source from a few blocks designated to the Cruz Clone and Clone 828 on the far northern edge of the ranch as well as Pommard and Clone 115 on the Southern edge.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

VINTAGE NOTES

From start to finish, 2018 was a very steady season, offering weather that was reminiscent of years prior to drought. Higher than average yields and excellent quality brought about a fruitful harvest beginning in late August.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented separately in small open-top fermenters with gentle punch-downs. Maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, basket-pressed, and racked to 50% new French oak for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Deep black cherry and black raspberry layered with earthy notes of forest floor and Jamaican allspice. Herbaceous English thyme and sarsaparilla carry through, lending a savory balance to the silky layers and focused acidity.

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