



*Siduri, named for the Babylonian goddess of wine, specializes in cool-climate Pinot Noir from growing regions across California and Oregon. Winemaker Adam Lee's constant pursuit of Pinot perfection has led to long-standing relationships with top growers in premier appellations from Oregon's Willamette Valley to California's Santa Barbara County.*



## 2018 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

The key to our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is the diversity of its sources. This sounds odd, given that the wine comes entirely from within the Russian River Valley AVA, but this region is large and possesses a myriad of soils, exposures, and unique terroirs that together produce a superb representation of the whole of the Russian River Valley. This 2018 offering showcases this area in all its complexity while also making for a wine that is eminently drinkable upon release.

**VINEYARDS:** Parsons', Bloomfield, Bellflower, Barbieri

**AROMATICS:** Bright cherry, boysenberry, nutmeg, fresh-cut cedar.

**PALATE:** Raspberries, black cherries, walnut and mushroom. Fine grained tannins and vibrant acidity.

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% | **TA:** .6 | **PH:** 3.43

**AGING:** 30% new French oak for 10 months

**CLONES:** 23, 115, 667, 777, 828, Pommard

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season was slow and steady – a welcome change from the challenges and extremes of 2017. Fruit set was very good in most vineyards despite an unusually cool start to the season. Moderate summer and fall weather without any major heat events allowed fruit to ripen evenly and mature on the vine, leading to a later start to harvest than previous vintages. The resulting Pinot Noir fruit possessed ripe flavors, mature tannins, deep color and impeccable balance across the board. The wines matured beautifully in the cellar and showcase all the highlights of a truly remarkable vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

A bevy of blending opportunities presented themselves due to the abundance of high-quality wines from the 2018 vintage, but the final blend was culled from 12 vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The blend showcases the earthy, fog blanketed sites of the western edges of the Russian River Valley alongside the warmer, more fruit-driven sites of Green Valley and the Santa Rosa plains. All blocks and clones from each vineyard were picked and fermented separately and blended together after a rigorous barrel selection. Our final selections were "married" in tank after 8 months in barrel, and then returned to barrel where they finished aging. 30% whole cluster fermentation for additional complexity.

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