

## CUVÉE ALANA Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

## **VINEYARD NOTES**

2018 is the first vintage of our Cuvée Alana Pinot Noir. Named after Bill's youngest daughter, the Alana Vineyard sits in the middle of a majestic redwood forest in Sebastopol and is recognized for its elegant fruit. With less than 6 acres planted, this small, cold climate vineyard is picked relatively late in the season, letting the grapes reach maximum intensity. Winding valleys keep the fog hanging around and temperatures low, while the sun peeks through in the afternoon to warm up just enough before the cool evening fog reappears. The Cuvée Alana Pinot Noir is a blend of the best blocks from this special site.

## **VINTAGE NOTES**

2018 was one of those magical years. With a mild spring, the early growing season plodded along at a relatively normal pace. Once the berries set, we knew we had a healthy and full crop. So full, in fact, we did a number of fruit-thinning passes to reduce load on the vines. Even with this, we were happy to see an above-average harvest with superb quality. We started picking in earnest after Labor Day, with cool, fall weather that allowed us to transfer the grapes in a calm and measured pace. All in all, 2018 will go down as a year to remember, with wines of true depth and power.



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley
VARIETAL CONTENT:
100% Pinot Noir
CLONES:
943, Swan, Calera
SOIL:
Goldridge fine sandy loam
FERMENTATION:
Open Top Fermenters

WHOLE CLUSTER:
25%
BARREL AGING:
15 Months
BARREL COMPOSITION:
100% French Oak, 40%
New
TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):
$6.1\mathrm{g/L}$
PH:
3.51

ALCOHOL CONTENT:
14.1%
PRODUCTION:
180 Cases
SRP:
\$95
RELEASE DATE:

We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for a historic tasting in Sonoma.