

2020

WILLIAM JAMES VINEYARD

Russian River Valley Pinot Noir



THREE STICKS

VINEYARD NOTES

Located in the cool Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley, our William James Vineyard was previously home to a Gravenstein apple orchard. Colloquial wisdom states that fertile apple soil is perfect for pinot noir. Straightforward and initially unassuming in its topography, William James Vineyard shines through the quality of fruit we farm here.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage started with a mild winter and lighter than normal rainfall. During flowering, we saw some of that rain, resulting in a poorer “set” of berries. Lower yields concentrate flavors into fewer clusters and fewer berries, so what we lost in yield, we gained in quality. The year took a unique turn when our hospitality team was deployed to the vineyard, helping with shoot thinning and suckering in Springtime due to the pandemic-related Adobe closure. We were also able to make on-the-spot decisions regarding heat spikes later in the year; an absolute advantage of farming our own lands, we were able to take immediate, decisive actions with our vineyard team. With our constant collaboration between winemaking and farming teams, the resulting wines shine, exhibiting incredible concentration and complexity: a bright spot from an otherwise challenging year.

TASTING NOTES

With this vintage, you'll discover intriguing notes of black cherry and blood orange, complemented by hints of toasty marshmallow, sweet blackberries, and clove. True to form, this year's William James Pinot Noir is weighty, with wonderful texture on the palate – a beautiful, authentic expression of this special Russian River Valley site.



APPELLATION:	WHOLE CLUSTER:	pH:
Russian River Valley	20%	3.52
VARIETAL CONTENT:	MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:	PRODUCTION
100% Pinot Noir	100%	424 Cases
SOIL:	BARREL AGING:	SRP:
Goldridge Fine Sandy Loam	15 Months	\$75
CLONES:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	RELEASE DATE:
Swan, Calera, 943	100% French Oak; 52% New	August 2022
FERMENTATION:	ALCOHOL CONTENT:	
Open Top Fermenter	14.0%	
FERMENTATION LENGTH:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	
10 days	6.5 g/L	

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real wines; experiences
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the Adobe, for a historic
tasting in Sonoma.*