

## KANZLER VINEYARDS

### 2018 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, PINOT NOIR

#### TASTING NOTES

Dark in color for a Pinot Noir, the very fragrant nose offers spicebox, blue-black berries, lilac, smoked cherry wood, and just a bit of sage. A subtle smoked-meat gaminess lingers at the edges. The palate shows a delicate “tingling” tannin structure around a classic Russian River Valley texture that’s supple, creamy, and light. The finish introduces rose petal, black tea, and red berry flourishes. This Pinot Noir is opulent, rich, and intriguing while still displaying great freshness.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

We hand-pick our grapes at night, and hand-sort them twice, before placing in T-bins or stainless-steel fermentation tanks. After a 4 to 5 day cold soak, we raise the temperature to initiate fermentation by native yeasts. When we taste the proper structure, it’s time to gently basket-press, then select barrels to complement each lot. After 14 months, the finished wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

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| VINTNERS    | Stephen and Lynda Kanzler |
| WINEMAKER   | Alex Kanzler              |
| VARIETAL    | 100% Pinot Noir           |
| APPELLATION | Russian River Valley      |
| PRODUCTION  | 1,152 Cases               |
| ALCOHOL     | 14.4%                     |

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#### BACKGROUND

As a small, family-owned winery we live our lives amidst the vines. Our vineyard and the rhythms of the season are constant reminders that the soil, the air, the water and the vines are the essence of the wines we craft. We’ve always said that great fruit is the real star of our winemaking team. So we let the grapes take center stage, patiently nurturing the vines to produce fruit with intense, ripe and balanced flavors. Then we let time, traditional winemaking techniques and good French oak work their magic.