

KANZLER VINEYARDS

2020 PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The inclusion of a greater-than-usual percentage of Walker Station Vineyard bends this wine in a distinctly red-fruit direction. Walker Station, our Green Valley site, typically displays non-berry red flavors like hibiscus, rhubarb and red licorice. A lower percentage of whole cluster and a slightly higher than typical amount of new oak makes the 2020 Russian River Pinot Noir soft and approachable while the bright acid profile keeps it fresh, bright and well knit.

WINEMAKER NOTES

We hand-pick and hand-sort all our Pinot Noir grapes before placing them in bins or stainless-steel fermentation tanks. After a 4-5 day cold soak, we gently heat the must to initiate fermentation. On most lots we allow indigenous yeasts to do the work. With some whole-cluster lots we use commercial yeast to bring out fruit flavors and temper the possible green notes that come with whole-cluster inclusion. As the wine nears completion, we taper down the punch down routine and taste daily to see when the wine has the proper structure to be pressed. Some wines are pressed almost immediately when they finish fermentation; others are left on the skins for several days. We gently basket-press the must, keeping the press wine and free-run wine separate. Kanzler Vineyards uses 100% French Oak. The 2020 Pinot Noir was barrel aged for 14 months on lees, with 29% new oak and 8% whole cluster inclusion, then blended to stainless steel tanks for an additional month of integration before bottling. The finished wine was bottled un-fined and unfiltered.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Stephen and Lynda Kanzler
WINEMAKER	Alex Kanzler
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
PRODUCTION	870 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.