



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2021 Heintz Vineyard Pinot Noir RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Charlie Heintz is the third generation of his family to farm this 50-acre vineyard site, planted on an exposed ridge near Occidental in one of the cooler sections of the Russian River Valley AVA. The growing season is long and cool, intensifying fruit flavors and adding to the incredible depth, richness and tension in the wine.

“Delicate and contemplative up front, but with a power that comes through on the finish that begs for robust fall and winter dishes.”

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE

HEINTZ VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

- ~ Block Size: 2 acres | Year Planted: 1996
- ~ Soil Type: Goldridge Sandy Loam
- ~ Elevation: 900'
- ~ Clones: Swan, Pommard 4, 115 | Rootstock: 5C, 3309
- ~ Aspect: North-South | Spacing: 5' x 8'

WINEMAKING

- ~ 100% Heintz Vineyard | 100% Pinot Noir
- ~ Harvested: September 7-18, 2021
- ~ Hand-picked and hand-sorted prior to gently destemming with no crushing and 20% whole clusters retained
- ~ Primary fermentation in small 4-ton open top tanks, with manual punch downs 1-4 times daily
- ~ Gently basket-pressed before overnight settling and barreling down into traditional 60-gallon French Oak Burgundy barrels (25% new)
- ~ All cooperage was long air dried (3-4 years) and only low-medium toasted to best highlight fruit and terroir
- ~ Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrels where the wine continued aging for 16 months
- ~ Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered February 24, 2023

SENSORY

- ~ The wine has a light, pale ruby color and an intricate, delicate nose. Notes of pomegranate, wild green strawberry and cola nut dominate both aroma and taste. Secondary flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, and green tea leaf add to this extremely complex wine.
- ~ Amazingly nuanced for such a light bodied pinot and reminiscent more of southern Burgundy than Russian River Valley.

CHEMISTRY

- ~ Alcohol 13.1% | pH 3.54 | TA 0.59

SRP

- ~ \$65

