

NAPA VALLEY

Pinot Noir Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley of the Russian River Valley 2019

Harvest Dates:	September 17th, 2019
Grape Source: Clonal Blend:	100% Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley AVA of the Russian River Valley 43% 777, 34% 115 and 23% 667.
Aging: Alcohol:	10 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new 13.7%
Yeast:	RC212, Assmanhausen and indigenous
Production:	24 Barrels
Release Date:	September 2020
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vineyard Notes: During the 2019 ripening season we had the perfect cooling effect at the Tina Marie vineyard. The vineyard is in the heart of the young Green Valley appellation in Russian River. Here we are perfectly cool and foggy in the morning with warm afternoon sun. The combination of this perfect climate and the gold-ridge limestone soils for this single vineyard Pinot Noir allows us to pick late into September with balanced flavor, acid and alcohol.

Winemaker Notes: All three clones were cold soaked for 5 days in small open top fermenters. After the cooling was shut off all three clones started fermenting on their own, providing an additional level of complexity. As the indigenous yeast slowed all three were inoculated with RC212, a Burgundian yeast and Assmanhausen a German yeast. Gentle restricted pump overs occurred for eight days. After draining and pressing the wine was allowed to sit on its lees for 2 months in barrel and closely monitored for any changes in flavor profile, allowing for an added layer of complexity.

Tasting Notes: The 2019 vintage from this single vineyard is slightly darker than in previous years, exhibiting a deep ruby core. Incredibly fragrant, the nose displays loads of pomegranate, ripe cherries and white chocolate. There are slight mineal elements of iodide and gravel. The viscosity is always richer than the color might denote. More cherries and some blueberry flavor comes through on the palate. The tannins are soft and elegant with very refreshing acidity. This is a beautiful wine that can be enjoyed in its youth but would benefit from 6-7 years in the cellar (2026-2027).