



2019 PINOT NOIR, HALLBERG RANCH Russian River Valley

Created in 1973 from a family's dream to build a world-class winery in the heart of Sonoma County, Chateau St. Jean has evolved through the years to become a shining example of a fine wine estate with European style. Balanced and elegant wines are the hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single vineyard wines showcase and celebrate Sonoma's distinctive, world-class growing regions.

VINEYARDS

Grapes for this wine were selected from Hallberg Ranch, a dry-farmed vineyard with a cool microclimate just outside Sebastopol. The vineyard features Goldridge sandy-loam soils and enjoys beautiful sunny afternoon weather tempered by fog and cooling coastal breezes from the Pacific Ocean, about 20 miles away.

WINEMAKING

The pinot noir grapes were handled very gently from vineyard to winery. The 2019 vintage features pinot noir clones 777 and 828. Free run juice was drained and the new wine sent directly to barrel to complete malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 16 months in 100% French oak (55% new) before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The complex nose opens with juicy aromas of red fruit and berry confiture lifted with airy notes of white tea, unfolding to warm and spicy hints of cinnamon, sarsaparilla, and white pepper. The wine glides on the palate with luxurious texture and seamless balance, its vibrant acidity enhancing the intensity of fruit on the mid-palate redolent of black cherry, kirsch and grenadine, underlain by layers of minerality, cocoa, licorice and a lift of mandarin peel on the long, complex finish.



Alcohol 14.8%

