

2018 Pratt Vine Hill Pinot Noir

This beautiful vineyard in the Laguna Ridge of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley has soils that remind one of a moonscape. It has some of the whitest soil in the region; it is very sandy, broken down Goldridge soil. The Dijon clone 667, along with the Mount Eden, Swan, and Martini clones (also known as "heritage" or "suitcase" clones, so named because sometimes the plant material was imported from France in vintners' suitcases) thrive in this soil.

The result is a delicious and elegant wine with a medium finish. The vineyard is farmed by Jim Pratt. His attention to detail in the farming is reflected in the exceptional quality of the fruit. Inman Family receives 100% of the Pinot Noir from this vineyard. The property is at the corner of Vine Hill Road and Vine Hill School Road, near a number of acclaimed vineyards.

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County Fruit Source: Pratt Vine Hill Vineyard

Tasting Notes

Color: Bright Garnet Aroma: Warm spice, star anise, fresh blue fruits, blueberries and raspberries Flavors: Blue fruits, dried cranberries, warm spice, grippy tannins, hint of vanilla

Winemaker Notes

After destemming, the fruit was cold soaked and a spontaneous, natural fermentation began. When dry, a basket press was used. The wine settled overnight and then was barreled down to a mix of older and new French oak barrels. A natural malolactic fermentation occurred. The wine rested on the fine lees, receiving regular bâtonnage until it was racked in preparation for bottling under Stelvin closure. The wine was not fined and is suitable for vegans.

Case Production: 176

VINTAGE 2018

VARIETAL Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATE September 2018

> TA 6.9

PH 3.5

AGING French Oak 15% New

BOTTLING DATES July 2020

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0

> ALCOHOL 14.8%

