

## 2019 Pratt Vine Hill Pinot Noir

This young 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 very perfumed and elegant Pinot Noir. 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 Ruby

Aroma: Delicate floral notes of crushed violets, roses and lavender, with raspberries, and strawberries Flavor: Raspberry, strawberry, red delicious apple peel, and mineral. The texture is luscious and silky. The tannins are soft and elegant and the fruit, acid, and oak are well balanced.

## **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: 300

VINTAGE

2019

**VARIETAL** 

Pinot Noir

**HARVEST DATE** 

September 2019

TA

6.1

PH

3.7

AGING

French Oak 15% New

**BOTTLING DATES** 

February 23, 2021

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 

0

ALCOHOL

13.9%

