

2019 Bella Una
Russian River Valley
Pinot Noir



Harvest Notes:

The vintage began with record-breaking precipitation in the months of February and March, refilling irrigation ponds and recharging groundwater. The excessive late winter and spring rainfall delayed budbreak and got the growing season off to a slow start. Cool and mild Spring weather was followed by an unseasonable rainfall in early May 2019. The rain delayed and interrupted set and reduced yields by as much as 20 percent at a couple estate vineyards. The balance of the growing season and the end of the vintage was almost picture perfect, with a cool August and September. We enjoyed a long hang time and a slow and calculated harvest.

Winegrower Notes:

'Bella Una,' translated from Latin, means 'beautiful together', and our winemaker selects barrels that reflect what he feels are the best expression of that vintage. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones from our Martaella Vineyard and our Tilton Hill Vineyard were chosen for this intense and dynamic Pinot Noir. We decided to leave 26% of the clusters intact (whole cluster) and the fermentation was completed by indigenous yeast fermentation in open top tanks.

Tasting Notes:

Mixed red and black fruit aromas mingle with baking spices, candied orange peel, and sandalwood spice. On the palate the wines' juicy mouthfeel is supported by the fine grain tannins on the long and persistent finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately spicy. It is drinking great upon release but will improve with 5-7 years of bottle aging.

Vineyard Sources: Martaella Vineyard, Tilton Hill Vineyard, La Pommeraie

Harvest data: September 7th – September 26th
Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.64, TA 0.57

Fermentation: Cold soaked for 6 days, indigenous yeast fermentation

Cooperage: 35% new French Oak

Bottling: Spring 2021

Cases produced: 143 cases

Release Date: Fall 2021

Drinking 2-10 years of vintage

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