SENSES RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2017



VINTAGE

In 2017, vines leapt into action with replenished water tables after years of drought. Early vegetative growth was strong, but not excessive, and crop yields were moderate to heavy. Warmer summer temperatures ended up compressing harvest for most. And severe heat during harvest caused concern inland but the coast remained relatively protected and delivered typical acid-driven fruit with great phenolic ripeness. The entire harvest wrapped weeks before the devastating 2017 North Bay fires started.

WINE

For all the moodiness of the Sonoma Coast, the 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot noir is quite the opposite: fresh, lively and flashy. It's practically exploding with bright red flavors and is juicy on the palate. Beautiful cherry and a surprisingly smooth mouthfeel are the first things you notice. This wine has it all: bright fruit, hints of cola, earth and mushroom, a satisfying roundness, elegance, and quite frankly a deliciousness that is pretty hard to resist. Yum.

APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ALCOHOL: 14.5%

AGING: 90% USED FRENCH OAK; 10% NEW; 10 MTHS VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR