

SENSES WINES 2019 PINOT NOIR MCM88



VINTAGE

2019 may stand out as one of the more exceptional vintages in recent memory. Cooler temperatures and stable weather for most of the growing season allowed for slow maturation of flavors without any heat events spiking sugar accumulation in the berries. Although 2019 also saw the devastating Kincadee fire in Sonoma County, Pinot noir and most Chardonnays in the county were harvested by then, so the smoke did not affect the grapes. Overall, look for wines with slightly lower alcohol, higher but integrated acids, and a depth of flavor that you would probably have to go back several vintages to find an equal.

NAME

MCM stands for Max, Chris and Myles and doubles for the roman numerals of 1900, which when added to '88 marks their birth year of 1988. Named appropriately for an exuberant single vineyard Pinot noir from the famed vineyard formerly known as Keefer Ranch.

WINE

"The 2019 Pinot Noir MCM88 comes all from the Perry Ranch Vineyard in the Russian River Valley and was all destemmed and aged 10 months in French oak, with roughly 25-40% new. Despite being destemmed, it has loads of savoriness and spice characteristics as well as medium-bodied richness, ripe tannins, noticeable yet nicely integrated acidity, and classy notes of forest floor, wood smoke, black tea (Lapsang Souchong, to be exact), and beautiful cherry and mulberry fruits. It's beautifully done, has loads of character, and is a gorgeous Russian River Pinot Noir to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years. It needs 30-60 minutes in a decanter if drinking any time soon."
- 95pts, Jeb Dunnuck

APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

RELEASE PRICE: \$105

AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK; 35% NEW; 10 MTHS

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