



VALRAVN

2020

sonoma county
pinot noir

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years now and along the way, established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues that include vineyard owners, growers and winemakers. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, ValravN represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. ValravN wines are out of the gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

ValravN Pinot Noir is an exploration of Sonoma County, anchored in the Russian River Valley. Vineyards span as far NORTH as Annapolis, EAST as Sonoma Mountain, WEST as Freestone, SOUTH as Petaluma Gap. The 2020 vintage includes fruit from our young Marine Layer Estate vineyard, a choice Green Valley vineyard (also designated for Marine Layer) and vineyards found in the heart of the Russian River.

Hand-sorted grapes undergo cold soak in the cellar, followed by primary fermentation in small open-top stainless steel tanks. Following primary, the wine transferred to a blend of 20% new Cavin, François Freres, Remond, Fouailly, and Tremeaux barrels for ten months malolactic and aging.

TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet in color, the 2020 ValravN Pinot Noir explodes out of the glass with rich scents of blackberry compote, cinnamon, and cedar. While showing the salty balance of cool-climate Pinot Noir, the wine exudes concentrated black fruits on the palate, coming from the Russian River vineyards, which comprised about 40% of the blend. An unctuous palate weight balances flavors of cassis, black plum, and framboise. The wine has excellent complexity and plays in a category far above its modest price point.

