

2019 "Pleasant Hill" Pinot Noir



Vineyard Notes:

Bob Jenkin's Pleasant Hill vineyard sits smack dab in the heart of Russian River Valley just west of the town of Sebastopol: one of those no-brainer spots for cool climate Pinot Noir. The vineyard itself is all Goldridge loam soils where Dijon, 115, 667, and 777 clones thrive. The exposure to sun is east to west and is tempered by cooler daytime highs (normally in the 70s and low 80s) throughout the summer growing season.

Charlie Chenoweth planted this spot in 2000, and has been farming it since. He and I are in lock step when it comes to vineyard management and rarely differ on what to do next.

This area is widely known for its foggy mornings from June through September, which is where the acidity comes from. The soils are well drained and the vines are healthy due, in part, to the lower annual yields that don't stress the plants. This low stress is also a big reason the wines are so voluptuous and centered around Bing cherry cola flavors.

Sustainably farmed, cool climate vineyard site. 2019 had an exceptionally rainy winter leading into wet, cool Spring. Hot start to the Summer but mild late June and all July. Heated up nicely in August. Normal yield of 3 tons to the acre.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Stainless steel fermented, aged for 16 months sur lees in 25% new French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered. Deep ruby in color. Big, expressive nose of Bing cherry-cola, chocolate covered oranges and floral jasmine. Secondary aromas of Chinese 5 spice and blueberry pie. Ripe, full-bodied flavors of dark cherry, blueberry and baker's chocolate. Finishes long with silky tannins and hints of orange peel and ripe plum.

Production:

360 Cases

Alcohol:

14.9%

Date Harvested:

September 18th, 2019

