



BRAVIUM

Wiley Vineyard

ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

2018



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Wiley Vineyard was planted in 1972 in the famed “Deep End”, the westernmost portion of Anderson Valley. Wiley is a true cool-climate site, resting on benchlands just nine miles from the Pacific Ocean. This vineyard is renowned for its bucolic setting and elegant, finessed wines from 40 year old vines. I am now honored and privileged to farm Wiley Vineyard, truly world-class terroir.

2018 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season—specifically bud break and flowering—in Anderson Valley were followed by uneventful weather throughout the year. Steady, even ripening allowed harvest to occur at precisely the right time, without any late-season heat spikes that had occurred in recent years. Grape yields were above average, and quality was exceptional in this temperate vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This elegant wine is a study in balance and complexity. 30% whole clusters were included in small stainless steel fermenters, with each vineyard block being fermented separately. Ruby red color with exotic aromas of lilac, rose petals, Asian spice, and soil. Red and blue fruits dominate the flavors, joined by mandarin orange notes on the slightly chalky finish. The Wiley Vineyard bottling is accessible today, yet it will age gracefully.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 27 & 30, 2018

RELEASE DATE:

February 1, 2020

ALCOHOL:

13.1%

PH:

3.4

TA:

6.1 g/L

AGED:

10 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels [25% New]

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

449 6/750 mL

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift