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Signal Ridge Vineyard

MENDOCINO RIDGE

PINOT NOIR

2019



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Signal Ridge Vineyard was planted in 1999 and is perched atop Cold Spring Mountain, 2,642 feet above the Pacific Ocean, in the heart of the Mendocino Ridge appellation. Mendocino Ridge is a coastal, cool climate, and high altitude American Viticultural Area located within Mendocino County, California. The boundaries of the AVA encompass the coastal ridges adjacent to the Pacific Ocean that reach inland toward Anderson Valley. Signal Ridge is exposed to the elements, which has a naturally devigorating effect. This vineyard is characterized by its intense fruit and savory notes. I've traveled the world and have seen thousands of vineyards and I've never found one that quite compares to Signal Ridge.

2019 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season - specifically bud break and flowering - in Mendocino Ridge were followed by uneventful weather throughout the year, save a small dose of late rain in May. Steady, even ripening allowed harvest to occur at precisely the right time, without any heat spikes. I am fortunate to be growing grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence. Grape yields were above average and quality was exceptional in this temperate vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

The 2019 Signal Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is aromatic and complex, with trademark white pepper, soy, rose petal, and garrigue notes wafting from the glass. The exotic aromas presage nascently complex mulled blackberries, fig, and orange peel flavors. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and intense, with bright acids and excellent focus and grip. This pinot noir is a perfect snapshot of Signal Ridge Vineyard and the stellar 2019 vintage.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Mendocino Ridge

HARVEST DATES:

September 23, 2019

RELEASE DATE:

October 1, 2021

ALCOHOL:

13.7%

PH:

3.7

TA:

5.7 g/L

BARRELS:

Aged for 10 months in French and Hungarian oak (33% New)

COOPERAGES:

Billon, Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

499 750ml Six-Packs

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