

BLACK KITE

CELLARS



2019 PINOT NOIR RIVER TURN ANDERSON VALLEY

DATES

HARVEST: October 2019

BOTTLING: March 2021

RELEASE: August 2021

GROWING CONDITIONS

Described by many as a “classic Northern California vintage”, the 2019 growing season kicked off with late winter rains that ushered in a cooler than average spring, followed by a long, moderate summer free of any challenging heat spikes. Late summer warmth, followed by a cooling period at picking time set the stage for a relaxed harvest and fully developed fruit at low sugars. All in all, the vintage’s ideal growing conditions and smaller cluster and berry sizes gave us wines – both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay – showing tremendous depth of flavor, buoyant acidity and exquisite balance.

WINEMAKING AND COOPERAGE

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours and transported immediately to the winery, where they were destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours, inoculated with a low rate of Burgundian yeast, and punched down three times daily. After fermentation, the wine rested 17 months in a mix of new (2/3) and one-year old French oak barrels from the Allier, Vosges, Tronçais and Bertranges forests.

TASTING NOTES

This may be the best vintage yet for one of our most exotically flavored wines. Deeply concentrated, exquisitely complex, and sumptuously textured, our 2019 River Turn Pinot Noir delivers the alluring black fruit, chocolate, and brown spice character this part of the vineyard is known for. On the palate, the dark berry core gains richness and length with hints of sweet vanillin oak lingering on the never-ending finish. Enjoy upon release or cellar for up to 9-11 years.

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ALCOHOL

14.6%

PINOT NOIR CLONES

POMMARD

CASES PRODUCED

291

ACIDITY

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

0.63 g/L

PRICE

\$65/BOTTLE

PH

3.43