



2021 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY COOPERSMITH VINEYARD

The CooperSmith Vineyard surrounding our winery is located in an area of the Russian River Valley known as Laguna Ridge, which overlooks the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Its famous soils—Gold Ridge and Sebastopol loam—are sandy and deep, creating excellent drainage, a necessary condition for growing an exceptional Pinot Noir. The vineyard, which is planted exclusively to the Merry Edwards Pinot Noir clone known as UCD37, produces grape clusters with tiny, concentrated berries. These lovely, little berries help us grow wines that are deep in color and rich in tannins, with a luscious texture and sumptuous mouthfeel.

VINTAGE

The dense, dark color of this wine prepares us for the aromas coming from the glass: Mocha, milk chocolate and vanilla dance with black pepper and anise. The weighty entry is creamy and plush followed by clean acidity and persistent, balanced tannins. Cherry cordial and a bit of tangerine and rhubarb mingle on the lingering finish.

PAIRING

We encourage you to make *Roasted Pork Belly with Bourbon Brown Sugar Glaze* as a pairing with this wine. Customer Art Martin developed this recipe for crispy braised pork belly that is a magic match with our CooperSmith Pinot Noir. The spicy, sweet glaze and rich, marinated meat are a sensational accompaniment to this peppery, chocolatey vintage.

Recipes can be found at www.merryedwards.com