



2021 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY GEORGANNE VINEYARD

The Georganne Vineyard, located on Westside Road in a warm spot overlooking the Russian River, was planted by Merry in 2006 with her own UCD37 Pinot Noir clone. Georganne is usually one of our first vineyards ready to harvest and was designed to take best advantage of its exceptional terroir. To ensure the fruit is protected from peak summer heat, rows were oriented so that the sun falls directly on the top of the vine canopy at midday. Within the rows, vine spacing was determined by underlying soil conditions, thus plants were placed 4, 5 or 6 feet apart, depending on expectations of vigor. Irrigation is also customized to support this variable spacing, even within the same row. All of the effort that went into the vineyard design ensures the fruit ripens evenly and yields maximum color and flavor.

VINTAGE

If you close your eyes and savor the aroma of this wine, you might be able to see the yellow roses growing along the vine rows. Roses and other floral fragrances join sweet vanilla, cocoa, dark red fruit, plum and fig on the nose of this wine. Ripeness on the palate leads to layers of dark plum and black cherry, supported by supple tannins and mouthwatering acidity. The finish is long and lingering, just like the fragrance of fresh roses.

PAIRING

For a fabulous treat with this alluring wine, we recommend trying *Duck Meatballs with Pancetta-Mushroom Cream Sauce*. Duck is a classic pairing with Pinot Noir, and the addition of a mushroom-based sauce brings all of the elements together. Serve over pasta or just with crusty French bread and a salad.

Recipes can be found at www.merryedwards.com