

2021 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY OLIVET LANE VINEYARD

Olivet Lane Pinot Noir was the first vineyard-designated wine produced under the Merry Edwards label back in 1997. We are so pleased to be able to continue to produce single-vineyard wines from this legendary vineyard. Planted in 1975 by the Pellegrini family and nurtured by multiple generations, we know we can count on these longtime partners to meet our exacting standards. This classically elegant Russian River Pinot Noir hits the mark each vintage, and the 2021 bottling will not disappoint you!

VINTAGE

This is classic Olivet Lane, with aromas of cherries, violets and fresh strawberries along with subtle earthy notes of forest floor and mushroom. The entry is round and lush, balanced on the palate—overall a well-structured wine supported by oak. A dusting of pretty brown spice and a hint of cream soda linger on the finish. Given some time in the bottle, this elegant and engaging wine will continue to develop for years to come.

PAIRING

Malcolm Clark, a world-renowned mycologist and co-founder of our neighbor Gourmet Mushrooms, is the creator of a delicious recipe for *Porcini Risotto*. The company grows more varieties of culinary and nutraceutical mushrooms than any other farm in the United States. We find that this preparation of the earthy fungi is a perfect complement to the earthy, lush 2021 Olivet Lane Pinot Noir. Feel free to serve it as a main dish, but according to Malcolm, "This risotto is good year-round and it complements everything from game to grilled vegetables."

Recipes can be found at www.merryedwards.com