



2020 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY GEORGANNE VINEYARD

While the story of the 2020 vintage is one that is filled with heartbreak and loss due to the wildfires in the region during harvest, we were able to pick the fruit from the Georganne Vineyard just before the fire hit the area. It is one of the few single-vineyard wines we made from the vintage, and it is near and dear to our hearts. The Georganne Vineyard is planted to Clone UCD 37, known as Merry's Clone. This warm northern portion of the appellation and the gravelly, sandy soils of the vineyard are a perfect match for this planting. As this vineyard has matured, having been planted in 2006, the potential of this property is now beginning to be realized. This vintage displays complex, elegant characteristics that make it a prime candidate for a long life in the cellar

VINTAGE

The perfumed and floral nose has aromas of violets, vanilla, root beer and rhubarb. Hints of earth and sandalwood are supported by notes of star anise. Dense and concentrated upon entry, the mouth is packed with layers of juicy, firm tannins. Cassis, black currant, black tea and smoky oak linger on the long finish.

PAIRING

The density and complexity of Georganne Pinot Noir take us down a spice route when thinking about a pairing for this wine. We suggest trying *Blood Orange Duck and Asian-Themed Potatoes*. The combination of blood orange, ginger and Chinese Five Spice on the duck along with the caramelized onion-laced potatoes set off this wine exquisitely. Find this recipe at merryedwards.com.