

Ancien Pinot Noir Russian River Jouissance

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United States - California - Russian River Valley

Jouissance comes from the southwestern corner of the appellation, only nominally protected by the coastal hills and open to the maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean, is the single source for these grapes. The soils here are sandy loam and very well drained, typical for the Russian River Valley. The cooler sections of Russian River, near Sebastopol, are known for producing explosive and aromatic fruit flavors balanced with acidity and earthy aromas. All seventeen rows are planted with Dijon 115 clone, nudging the wine toward perfumed aromas and light spice notes as a compliment to the lush fruitiness derived from the soils.

Notes of strawberry and tart pie cherry are accompanied by notes of sweet vanillin, toasted hazelnut and coffee as an introduction to this joyfully juicy blend of rich fruit and earthy spice. The wine opens to a well integrated mid-palate of dark berries, toffee and cassis. The broad palate is elevated and brightened with a mouthwatering acidity that welcomes this wine to the table. Sassafras, herbal notes and baking spices are revealed in the satisfying finish.

Specifications

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| Appellation | Russian River Valley |
| Varietals | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Soil type | sandy loam and very well drained |
| Vinification | Fermentation in one ton, open-top tanks, layering the bottom 25% of each tank with whole clusters of fruit, adding structure and spice notes to the back palate and balancing the otherwise plush fruit of Gilbert's Vineyard. A warm fermentation with a combination of native and isolated Burgundian yeasts produced excellent and focused flavor extraction, complemented with traditional punch-downs by hand. The wine was aged entirely in Francois Freres cooperage, half new, and racked once, gently, prior to bottling. Grapes, must, and wines were moved using gravity through to the barrel and using inert gas through racking and bottling. |
| Production | 241 (9-liter cases) |



Codes, Weights and Measures

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| UPC | 7 84585 01316 6 |
| Units/Case | 12 |
| Unit Size | 750 mL |
| Container | bottle |
| SCC | 1 07 84585 01316 3 |
| Case Weight | 38 |
| Cases/Pallet | 56 |
| Layers/Pallet | 14 |

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| ABV | 14.5% |
| SRP | \$ 59.99 USD 750mL Bottle |

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| Reviews and News |
| 2021 Ancien Pinot Noir Russian River Jouissance - 94 PTS - WE |
| 2019 Ancien Pinot Noir Russian River Jouissance - 93 PTS - WS |