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2022 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, Emeritus Vineyards

ORIGIN USA – California

PRODUCER

Emeritus Vineyards was founded in 1999 by legendary vintner Brice Cutrer Jones when he acquired Hallberg Ranch in the Russian River Valley following the sale of his first winery, Sonoma-Cutrer, with a second vineyard, Pinot Hill, purchased shortly thereafter. Both vineyards share the highly prized sandy loam Goldridge soil and a distinct maritime influence, making them uniquely suited to creating Grand Cru-calibre Pinot Noir. A variety of clones and Burgundian-inspired "close spacing" have established Emeritus Vineyards as one of Sonoma County's premier grape growers, with many of the more recognisable names of the region fighting to receive an allocation of Brice's fruit. Since 2011, the quality of the wines has been elevated by dry farming; the practice of eschewing supplemental irrigation, which helps the grapes achieve full physiological ripeness at lower sugar levels. In a region with such little summer rainfall, this complicated task of vineyard management is emblematic of approach taken by Brice and the team at Emeritus in growing the very best possible fruit to make extremely high-quality wines that show a sense of place.

WINEMAKING

Fruit is harvested at night and 100% destemmed prior to a 7 day passive cold soak. 100% wild fermentation without extended maceration. After pressing the wine was transferred into 10% new French oak barrels and not racked during the 10-month aging period. All the barrels were a light to medium toast. Finally, the wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTE

This wine comes from two estate vineyards in Sebastopol. Pinot Hill is a cooler, steeper site producing high-acid, complex and delicate wines. Hallberg Ranch brings more textural roundness and alluring red fruit flavours to the



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Grape variety	Pinot Noir
Alcohol	13.5%
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
Organic status	Not certified
Vegetarian	Yes
Vegan	Yes

wine. This wine is intensely aromatic with enticing high-toned red cherry, raspberry and cranberry notes, all underscored by hints of sweet cinnamon. It is beautifully focused and sophisticated, with a laser-like mouthfeel that arcs over the palate with a fresh, spicy and persistent finish.