



VALRAVN

2018

sonoma county
pinot noir

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years now and along the way, established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues that include vineyard owners, growers and winemakers. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, ValravN represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. ValravN wines are out of the gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

ValravN Pinot Noir is an exploration of Sonoma County, anchored in the Russian River Valley. Vineyards span at far NORTH as Annapolis, EAST as Sonoma Mountain, WEST as Freestone, SOUTH as Petaluma Gap. Notable vineyards include Starscape (Middle Reach - Russian River AVA), Bohemian (Green Valley - Russian River AVA), Cleary Ranch (Freestone-Occidental - Russian River AVA), Sunnyslope (Bennett Valley AVA), Gap's Crown (Petaluma Gap - Sonoma Coast AVA), and Durell (Los Carneros - Sonoma Coast AVA).

In the cellar, hand-sorted grapes undergo cold soak followed by primary fermentation in small open-top stainless steel tanks. Following primary, the wine was transferred to a blend of 20% new Cavin, François Freres, Remond, Fouailly and Tremeaux barrels for 12 months malolactic and aging.

TASTING NOTES

Ample sun and a nearly ideal growing season made 2018 one of the best vintages that we've seen in our 10 years. Lush dark cherry, ripe strawberry, and hints of rose petals dominate the ultra-fragrant nose. The palate shows the weight of the Russian River component, with rich fruit compote and hints of cedar spice, while the Sebastopol fruit shows beautiful elegance and mineral cut. An extraordinarily well-rounded wine with something for everyone.

PRESS - 92 points, Wine Enthusiast (June 2020)

"This is a high-toned, earthy and textured wine that overdelivers on its price point, presenting complex Asian spice, black-tea and candied cherry and raspberry flavor. The tannins are soft and well integrated, as is the oak, allowing plenty of room for nuance and elegant composure." - Virginie Boone

