



V A L R A V N

2022

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, Valravv 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. Valravv wines are out of the gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The core of the 2022 Valravv Pinot Noir is from the Russian River AVA (about three-quarters), with Sonoma Coast fruit making up the balance. The Sonoma Coast component is comprised of declassified barrels from our Marine Layer wines.

Hand-sorted grapes undergo a cold soak in the cellar, followed by primary fermentation with 25% whole clusters in small open-top stainless steel tanks. Following primary, the wine transferred to a blend of French oak, including François Freres, Remond, and Rousseau barrels, about 20% of which are new, for ten months malolactic and aging.

TASTING NOTES

A juicy, complex wine with persistent flavors of Luxardo cherries, strawberry compote, and spicy, floral notes. The Sonoma Coast parcels show the typical crunchy red fruits, while the Russian River fruit gives the briary bramble, all accented with spice from the whole cluster inclusion. It is an unctuous wine with a weighty palate, excellent balance, and texture.

PRESS - 91 POINTS JS

"Ripe cherries, chocolate, dried citrus peel and hints of bitters on the nose. Medium- to full-bodied with creamy tannins and vivid acidity. Smooth and sleek yet it shows some tension and crunchiness in the finish."

