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JANE'S VINEYARD Russian River Valley | Sonoma County  
2016 PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

The vines at Jane's Vineyard generally show moderated vigor in their growth habit, mainly due to the acidic, nutrient poor soil and good drainage from the gravelly loam. The Huichica soil is shallow, with a hardpan at a low depth, so we planted on 101-14 rootstock which has a shallower rooting angle to match the soil profile. Correspondingly, the vines get water stressed, which we watch closely during the warmer months of the summer.

THE HARVEST

El Niño brought some good rain the winter of 2015, but February was pretty dry. Then it warmed up a touch and the vines woke up, a bit later than the previous few years. Showers soaked the vineyards in the middle of March and filled the ground with much needed water. Beautiful warm summer days led to veraison and sugar accumulation in the berries. Mid-August through mid-September was filled with overcast days and cooler weather, which prolonged our starting pick date. We started picking on August 30, and finished on September 10, with higher brix and pH than the average.

STYLE

Winemaking is light handed, with timely and deliberate choices made to craft a wine that genuinely reflects the vineyard and vintage. We like our Pinot delicate and graceful, with all elements in balance. We strive for complexity and interest, and above all deliciousness. All of the blocks at Jane's Vineyard are hand-picked in the early morning hours and de-stemmed mostly to stainless steel tanks with a small amount in puncheons, macro bins and small concrete tanks. Cold soaking takes for about 5 days, followed by fermentation with native yeasts for extra complexity. The 2016 Jane's Vineyard Pinot Noir was aged for a year in 87% French and 13% Hungarian oak barrels from the finest coopers, 25% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation ensued in the barrels and was finished by late March.

TASTE PROFILE

The 2016 Jane's Vineyard Pinot Noir has a lovely ruby red hue with aromas of black cherry, plum and earth. On the palate, this medium bodied wine begins with a wild brambly berry note along with purple floral characters and baking spices that shine through with balance, acidity and a long lingering finish. Warm, bright and full of flavor, the Jane's Pinot Noir is a wonderful combination of fruit, earth and spice. Enjoy this wine with a warm beet salad, wild mushroom pasta or a roasted pork loin.



HARVEST DATE 8.30.2016 – 9.10.2016		AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 26.4° Brix		VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir	
APPELLATION 100% Russian River Valley			SOIL Shallow, moderately well-draining Huichica loam		
VINEYARD Jane's Vineyard, Woolsey Road, Russian River Valley			pH 3.64	TA 0.58g/100mL	ALC 14.5%
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole David Ramey (consulting)			CLONES 2A, 23, 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, Pommard		OAK AGING 11 months in French and Hungarian Oak
PRODUCED 15,741 cases					

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FIRST SINGLE VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Davis Bynum is distinguished as the first winery to produce a single vineyard Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. The vintage was 1973 and the grapes were from Joe Rochioli's now prized vineyard. Today, our heritage of winemaking lives on through hand-crafted single vineyard wines grown exclusively in Russian River Valley.