

MOSSBACK

2019 Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

BARRELS: {French Oak} Ingenieux + Treuil

TA: 5.55 g/L PH: 3.75 ALCOHOL: 13.9% PRODUCTION: 4,840 cases

THE WINE

The 2019 is a beautiful, classic Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Aromas of black cherry, cranberry and rose petal lead to concentrated flavors of sweet fruit, barrel spice and earthy notes. The velvety texture lingers in the finish with hints of mocha and vanilla. The tannins are just firm enough to add a nice structure to this elegant wine. Pair this stylish Pinot Noir with duck, roast pork or grilled salmon.

THE STORY

The term **MOSSBACK** is an old-time expression for farmers, folks who are both connected to their roots and to the land. The Giguiere family has a strong, storied tradition of farming out here in the Dunnigan Hills, which is why we hold these folks in high regard. These wines are a nod to those men and women who understand more than anyone the delicate relationship between vine, climate and soil.

THE CELLAR

The primary source of our Pinot Noir was purchased from vineyards farmed by the famed Dutton Ranch vineyard operation. The balance of our Pinot Noir fruit was from the Lucunda Vineyard, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley where the fruit was hand harvested in 1/2-ton bins. Part of the lots were destemmed into small fermenters where the must was chilled to 45°F for 72 hours for its “cold soak” to enhance the pretty berry and cherry aromas. The tanks were allowed to warm naturally and slowly to activate native fermentation. Once started, the tanks were pumped over several times a day to extract all the richness from the skins of the grapes without any bitter or astringent qualities.

The remaining lots were destemmed into small open-top fermenters and punched down daily, by hand, to extract deep color and favors from the grapes. Both lots were pressed off at dryness and then aged in French oak.

