

2018 Umino Vineyard

Pinot Noir | Russian River Valley



The Vineyard

The Umino Vineyard was owned and farmed by Dave Umino, a fifth generation Japanese American from a Central Valley farming family. After a career as a forensic metallurgist, in 1995 Dave replaced t an old apple orchard with his vineyard. Dave passed away this past year and his family will continue to carry on the family legacy started by Dave. Planted to Pinot Noir Dijon clones 777, 667, 115 and 459 it is located southwest of Sebastopol at the top of Blucher Valley in what is unofficially referred to as the Sebastopol Hills of the Russian River Valley AVA. Cold maritime air funnels through the hills to moderate ripening of the fruit which produces wines of exceptional depth, concentration and character.



Tasting Notes

An inky purple color introduces this impressive wine. Intense aromas of roasted grains, ripe summer blackberries, vanilla crème, and violets fill the bowl. Dense flavors of ripe blackberries are highlighted by hints of roasted coffee and chocolate. The finish possesses youthful, silky tannins that dance gracefully with blue fruit and umami flavors. The most pleasing of the Vineyard Designates now, but like all of the Spell single vineyard wines; designed to age. A vigorous decant is recommended if you decide to the pull the cork in the next 6 to 12 months. Drink over the next 10+ years.

Vinification

Harvest Dates: September 28, 2018 and October 10, 2018
Vineyard: UminoVineyard
Clones: Dijon 459, 777 and 115
Barrel Breakdown: 100% French Oak; 33% new oak, 33% once used and 33% older Alc: 14.2%
pH: 3.55
TA: 6.2 g/L
Bottled: August 29, 2019

Released April 1, 2020 | 50 cases produced