

# Landmark Vineyards



## 2019 HOP KILN ESTATE RESERVE PINOT NOIR

<b>VARIETAL</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>BARREL REGIME</b>	French oak (50% new)
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Greg Stach
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	August 2020
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.2%

### VINEYARD NOTES

The 2019 vintage started out with a late February weather event that soaked more than 20 acres of the Hop Kiln Estate Vineyard. A mild Spring followed the heavy rains, and the anticipated harvest came with no other major weather events. Choosing the best of the best from the vineyard's multitude of pinot noir clones and rootstock combinations allows winemaker Greg Stach to truly find the needle in the haystack, our Hop Kiln Estate Reserve Pinot Noir.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced solely from a small block in the Windmill Section of our Hop Kiln Estate Vineyard, the grapes were hand-picked and then destemmed, cold-soaked, and fermented in one-ton fermenters. The wine was aged sur-lie in a combination of Francios Frere and Remond French oak barrels (50% new) for ten months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Medium purple/ruby in the glass with rich complex aromas of cherry pie filling and ripe strawberry fruit with vanilla, oak, bergamot, and earthy leather. The palate is full with ripe, complex black and red fruit and spice on entry with cola, cedar, leather and earthy notes along with mouth filling tannins that balance the wines full fruit character beautifully through a clean, long finish featuring sustained fruit, barrel spice and subtle camphor and floral notes.

### SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 Hop Kiln Estate Reserve Pinot Noir is a great wine to pair with a hearty, flavorful dish like lamb shanks yovetsi slow-roasted with orzo and Middle Eastern spices, or a beef daube.

#### TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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