

Landmark Vineyards

2019 RAYHILL PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged for 10 months
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2020
ALCOHOL	14.5%

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2019 Rayhill Pinot Noir represents our eighth vineyard-designated bottling from this prestigious source. The Rayhill Vineyard lies in the newly recognized Sebastopol Hills district within the highly desired Russian River Valley appellation. The premium-quality eight-acre vineyard experiences warm, sunny days and cool, breezy evenings that yield elegant and incredibly expressive pinot noir grapes.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Rayhill Vineyard is typically one of the last pinot noir vineyards to ripen in Sonoma County. Harvested on October 1 and October 5, all three blocks were handpicked, completely destemmed, and fermented separately with gentle hand-punching twice a day. At dryness, the free run was put to barrel separately and aged sur-lie for 10 months.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby color with showy and complex aromas of ripe red and black fruit mixed with barrel spice, tobacco, leather, cola, and oak. The palate is near full-bodied with lots of black cherry and strawberry jam on the entry mixed with vanilla, cinnamon, and oak accents going into the midpalate. The finish is long and clean with cherry candy notes mixed with tannins that fully support the wine's intensity and complexity.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 Rayhill Pinot Noir pairs well with a pan-seared duck breast with wild mushrooms or Korean bulgogi.



TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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