

2020 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

Sun-ripened yellow apple and fresh pear, with hints of poached pear, come through on the nose. Crushed rocks and quartz aromas lift the aromatics along with a hint of ginger. The palate is wonderfully layered with excellent tannin structure and weight, which is typical, and remarkably consistent, for the Allen site. The finish is punctuated with a sensation of quinine, giving this wine terrific closure.

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Vineyard is adjacent to Rochioli Vineyard, approximately six miles southwest of the town of Healdsburg, banking the Russian River. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River Valley region ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test result for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 22% new, 34% 1 yr., 22% 2 yr., 22% 3+ yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.17 TA: 0.63g/100mL Alc: 14.2% Released Fall 2022 \$65





2020 Drake Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

On the nose, yellow apple and Meyer lemon notes combine with hints of shiso and tarragon. The Drake Estate Vineyard is situated next to a riverbank, and the aromas of the nearby woods influences the aromas and flavors of the wine, creating something with character and intrigue. Layered and fat on the palate, the newer plantings of old-Wente and Calera Chardonnay clones contribute to the excellent structure and minerality in this cool climate beauty.

THE VINEYARD

The Drake Estate Vineyard is located right on the Russian River near Guerneville and has the same Yolo Sandy Silt Loam soil as found in many of the very best vineyards along Westside Road. Originally planted to Rome apples, a late-ripening variety, the property has proven itself an exceptional location for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 22% new, 22% 1yr., 28% 2yr., 28% 3+yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.53 TA: 0.56g/100mL Alc: 14.3% Released Fall 2022 \$65





2020 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

Orchard fruits, jasmine flowers, and musk melon combine to form a medley of aromas in the glass. The layered and complex bouquet makes it difficult to point out any singular fruit characteristic due to the mixture of clones interplanted in our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard, which are harvested all at once. On the palate the wine is as equally layered as it is on the nose, with orchard fruits and melon flavors dominating the profile. The soft acidity is overshadowed by a mouthcoating texture that saturates and clings to the palate throughout the finish.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road just below the winery and adjacent to the Russian River. The vineyard is planted to 20 different clones of Chardonnay and shares a similar soil profile to the Allen Vineyard and Rochioli Riverblock.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 25% new, 25% 1 yr., 25% 2 yr., 25% 3+ yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.56 TA: 0.59g/100mL Alc: 14.5% Released Fall 2022 \$65 7227 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448 w





2020 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

Tangerine, spiced pear, and hints of green tea are layered in this wonderfully complex and aromatic wine. The barrel fermentation, ageing, and lees contact further add depth and interest on the nose. The old-Wente selection produces very small berries, which translates into wine with excellent concentration and minerality. Citrus, orchard fruits, and apple flavors mix on the palate, making this offering from our Lewis MacGregor Estate one not to be missed.

THE VINEYARD

The Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard is nestled in on the ridgeline between Eastside Road and Starr Road and has a wonderfully well drained sandy loam soil with interspersed stream gravel. Named in honor of John Dyson's grandfather, the vineyard has a moderate micro-climate and is perfectly suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay to yield wines with character and verve.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test result for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 33% new, 22% 1 yr., 33% 2 yr., 12% 3+ yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.24 TA: 0.60g/100mL Alc: 14.6% Released Fall 2022 \$65





2020 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Cherry and macerated strawberry notes come through on the nose, while fresh herbs, hints of crushed rocks, and cocoa belie the fruit. With some air, a rich Allen perfume emerges with hints of dried rose petals. Refined in the mouth, the essence of minerals and the tea-like tannin structure coalesce with fruit flavors to create a wine with both power and elegance.

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970s, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 56% new, 44% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.46 TA: 0.63g/100mL Alc: 13.8% Release Fall 2022 \$100





2020 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

In this offering from the Bucher Vineyard, dark red raspberry fruit notes are intertwined with an earthy, loamy character, which is typical of the site. Hints of dried herbs further complex this brooding wine. In the mouth, the wine exhibits big, yet very refined tannin, with dark red fruit flavors and a meaty undertone. Give this wine few years of age and a creamier texture will reveal itself.

THE VINEYARD

The Bucher Vineyard is located about 1½ miles north of our winemaking facility on Westside Road. The clones planted include 777, 115, 37, and Pommard 4, with an Arbuckle gravely loam soil.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 60% new, 40% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.49 TA: 0.62g/100mL Alc: 14.1% Released Fall 2022 \$75





2020 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

With a red fruit profile, the 2020 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir showcases hints of raspberry, dried cranberry, and Bing cherry. The fruit notes meld into a bouquet of dried citrus peel and dried rose petals, and is highlighted by an English breakfast tea aroma. In the mouth, the flavors lead with citrus and cranberry, and finish with a tea-like tannin structure. The red clay soils in this vineyard help contribute to the elegant and refined tannins, with a hint of minerality on the finish.

THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777, and more recently, Mt. Eden and Swan clones were added. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 66% new, 34% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.47 TA: 0.57g/100mL Alc: 13.9% Released Fall 2022 \$75





2020 Eastside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

A knockout nose of berry fruits and sassafras jump from the glass in this terrific offering from the eastern hills above the Russian River. Notes of Asian spices, fennel, and a hint of earthiness are woven together with the fruit elements to create a multifaceted aromatic profile. On the palate, the wine is equally as complex, with berry fruits flavors and the zing of zesty tangerine peel. With robust tannins on the palate, the 2020 Eastside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir is buffered by rich fruit character and an earthy complexion that finishes with a weighty minerality.

THE VINEYARD

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from three unique sites along Eastside Road: Foss Vineyard, Calegari Vineyard, and Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 65% new, 35% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 15 months pH: 3.56 TA: 0.55g/100mL Alc: 13.9% Released Fall 2022 \$70





2020 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Black cherry and dark red fruit aromas jump from the glass, while a floral note captivates the senses. The nose is further complexed with wood spices and citrus notes. This vintage of the 2020 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir is layered with red fruits and citrus; the brightness on the palate is a hallmark of the site. Comprised of a blend of 6 different clones, the complexity is compelling throughout the palate, all the way to the lengthy finish.

THE VINEYARD

Ferrington Vineyard is located in Mendocino County's Anderson Valley. The 70 acres of rich valley floor were planted with clones brought back from Burgundy. Six clones of Pinot Noir, including Pommard (UCD4), 115, 777, 667, 943 and Romanee-Conti selection, comprise about 27 acres of this vineyard.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 63% new, 37% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.37 TA: 0.61g/100mL Alc: 13.6% Released Fall 2022 \$75





2020 Foss Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

At first nosing, the wine offers up a brooding aroma of berry fruits mixed with wood spice and cedar notes. With aeration, the wine reveals notes of caraway seed and dried tangerine peel. The palate is loamy and rich, with an unctuous and enveloping mouthfeel. The alluring finish delivers just a hint of cocoa dust and chocolate. Because the vineyard is located in a slightly warmer microclimate, the resulting wine has a delicate acidity that adds appeal to the roundness of the 2020 Foss Vineyard Pinot Noir.

THE VINEYARD

The Foss Vineyard sits above Eastside Road in the Middle Reach region of the Russian River Valley. With a fine, clay loam soil type and a temperate microclimate, this site is extremely well drained and therefore an excellent site for Pinot Noir. Planted to Pommard, Swan, and Mt. Eden, together they offer a rich and complex palette to draw from in blending this incredibly rich and complex wine.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 62% new, 38% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.56 TA: 0.56g/100mL Alc: 13.8% Released Fall 2022 \$75





2020 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Perfumed and floral, the 2020 Williams Selyem Estate Pinot Noir is a study in balance. Fruit, floral, and earthy tones are complexed with wood spices and minerality. Similarly on the palate, the wine showcases terrific acidity and is balanced with fruit, earthiness, and refined tannins. A sensation of citrus peel gives way to crushed rocks and minerals, keeping the balance in perfect harmony on the finish.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 76% new, 24% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.50 TA: 0.59g/100mL Alc: 13.9% Released Fall 2022 \$115





2020 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark and brooding, the aromatics showcase a broad spectrum of black and red fruits in the 2020 Lewis MacGregor Estate Pinot Noir. The concentration on the nose is compelling and is leavened with hints of anise, bergamot, and cedar. Broad and saturating on the entry, the wine overwhelms the palate with dense notes of berry fruits, citrus, and black tea. The sensation of the black tea-like tannin lingers on the palate all the way through the long finish.

THE VINEYARD

The Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard is nestled in on the ridgeline between Eastside Road and Starr Road and has a wonderfully well drained sandy loam soil with interspersed stream gravel. Named in honor of John Dyson's grandfather, the vineyard has a moderate micro-climate and is perfectly suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay to yield wines with character and verve.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 60% new, 40% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.45 TA: 0.59g/100mL Alc: 13.9% Released Fall 2022 \$100





2020 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

On the nose, rich, dark berry notes are immediately apparent, and aromas of underbrush and coffee beans soon follow. The Rochioli Vineyard is perfectly situated along the bank of the Russian River, which has a moderating effect and allows for perfect ripening, creating unsurpassed layers of complexity. Aromas of cedar and wood spices further complex the nose, while in the mouth the texture is compelling, as usual, with concentrated and refined tannins that seem to cover every part of the palate. Berry fruit flavors abound and meld with complementary earth notes to create a striking balance in this wonderful vintage.

THE VINEYARD

The Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard is located six miles southwest of the town of Healdsburg, banking the Russian River. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River Valley region ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 73% new, 27% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.49 TA: 0.58g/100mL Alc: 13.5% Released Fall 2022 \$100





2020 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Layered and complex, the lively aromatics of the 2020 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir showcase berry fruits, woody spices, and dried rose petals, while a citrus peel note further energizes the nose. Tangy and refreshing on the palate, the wine has berry fruit flavors with a sensation of black tea. Beneath the tea-like tannins, a streak of minerality, which is well-known for these limestone-rich soils, is nicely layered into the mid-palate and extends all the way through the lengthy finish.

THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Swan.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 67% new, 33% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.47 TA: 0.60g/100mL Alc: 13.8% Released Fall 2022 \$70



2020 Weir Vineyard Pinot Noir

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Red fruited on the nose, the 2020 Weir Vineyard Pinot Noir is complexed with dried herbs, crushed rocks, and minerals. Typical of this site, the wine showcases the savory side of Pinot Noir; refreshing and bright on the palate, with highlights of crunchy, red fruit flavors and an undertone of Bergamot. The rocky and mineral-laden soils in this vineyard produce a wine with refined tannin and a mineral structure that synergizes to create a palate-coating sensation. Enjoy after midterm cellaring.

THE VINEYARD

The Weir Vineyard is located near Yorkville in Mendocino County. Fifteen acres are planted on a south-facing slope of a steep old sheep ranch. The elevation is just under 1,000 feet and the climate is classic warm days and cool nights. The Weir Vineyard is planted to Romanee-Conti, Wadenswil 2-A, Pommard, and Rochioli clones. The vines are cane pruned with vertical shoot positioning, and a plant density of 1,000 vines per acre.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 61% new, 39% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.50 TA: 0.61g/100mL Alc: 13.4% Released Fall 2022 \$75





2020 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER NOTES

Notes of boysenberry, blackberry, and pomegranate jump out of the glass in this classic Bacigalupi Zinfandel. Located on Westside Road, the vineyard enjoys the perfect confluence of moderate climate and rich soil that allows for a long hangtime, resulting in terrific, layered wines. The nose is further complexed with baking spices and anise, adding interest and intrigue. The palate is soft and supple, with a refined texture and an underlying richness. The acidity is seamlessly woven into the architecture of this wine and further adds to its grace and elegance.

THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine come from a small block of old-vine Zinfandel in the Russian River Valley. The Bacigalupi Vineyard is less than 2 acres of 90+ year-old head pruned vines, which naturally yield low tonnage that produces very concentrated wines.

HARVEST 2020

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 30% new, 20% 1 yr., 30% 2 yr., 20% 3+ yrs. Barrel Aged: 14 months pH: 3.31 TA: 0.68g/100mL Alc: 15.2% Release Fall 2022 \$65





2020 Saitone Estate Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER NOTES

The raspberry notes, combined with other fresh red fruits, in the aromatics of this offering from the Saitone Vineyard are characteristic of the site. Hints of anise, baking spice, tangerine peel, and a subtle note of Goji berry add complexity in this multi-faceted wine. Zesty on the palate, the concentration is due to the low yields in this old vine vineyard, which is aged over 120 years. While sizeable and tannic, the wine has terrific balance with extract and acid, and finishes with a sensation of citrus pith that gives way to minerals and crushed rocks.

THE VINEYARD

Planted in 1895, this vineyard is in the heart of old-vine Zinfandel country on Olivet Road in the Russian River Valley. Planted to mostly Zinfandel, there are some mixed varieties interspersed in the vineyard.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring vielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test result for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 40% new, 27% 1 yr., 27% 2 yr., 6% 3 yr.+ Barrel Aged: 14 months pH: 3.36 TA: 0.67g/100mL Alc: 15.1% Release Fall 2022 \$65

