2021 Olivet Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS
Black cherry top notes mix with tangerine peel and hints of leather and cedar. Interesting point-counterpoint elements that create an incredibly layered wine. The Olivet Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir is one of the few wines in our portfolio that is a single clonal selection, but the diversity of the site and the old vine character of nearly 50-year-old vines is what creates its richness and complexity. The wine builds on the palate with red fruits and peaks with black tea-like tannins and a citrus freshness.

THE VINEYARD
Located on the western benchlands of the Santa Rosa Plain, the Olivet Lane Vineyard is one of the oldest existing vineyards in the Russian River Valley. It was planted in 1975 by the Pellegrini family to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines exclusively.

HARVEST 2021
The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES
Barrel Description: 61% new, 39% 1 yr.
Barrel Aged: 15 months
pH: 3.44
TA: 0.61g/100mL
Alc: 13.8%
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