## 2022 Pinot Noir, Laceroni Vineyard, Russian River

Case Production: 196 / SRP: \$85.00

Laceroni vineyard is nestled deep in the southwestern part of the Russian River Valley close to the town of Graton. The 45-acre vineyard was planted in the early and mid-2000's. The cool climate and the typical Goldridge soil give this wine its character. Soft rolling hills, protected from direct sunlight, allow for slow ripening. This Pinot Noir, meticulously farmed on a great site, has it all: good structure, nice fruit profile, great balance and layers.

Closest Town: Graton AVA: Russian River Valley Varietal: Pinot Noir Planted: Mid-2000s Clone(s): Calera Selection Rootstock: 3309 Soil Type: Goldridge Aspect: Slightly Eastern Facing Row Orientation: East/West

## The Vintage

Heavy rains in early November surprised us, but in hindsight, they were a blessing because they filled our reservoirs. Spring ushered in a long frost season, which lingered into mid-May. A cool summer allowed for an even development of the fruit. By early August, veraison pointed to a mid-September harvest, but Labor Day resulted in an extended heat spike, pushing harvest forward a week. By September 13th all of our fruit was picked. The 2022 wines are showing great freshness and acidity. Bright red fruit with delicious tannins frame the wine. These last vintages have taught us to be flexible and responsive to the season, rather than follow a set style. The 2022 wines are light on their feet, mirroring their Old World siblings.

Vintage: 2022 Harvest Date: August 22<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Brix: 23.1 Harvest pH: 3.48 Harvest TA: 6.09 21% Whole Cluster Days in Tank: 18 Barrel Program: 50% New French Oak: Cadus, Atelier, Millard Bottling Date: December 2023 Bottling % Alcohol: 13.5 Case Production: 196 SRP: \$85

## **Blue Farm**

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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