

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2018 PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The Goff-Whitton is a Dutton Ranch property in the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley that yields a wine with intense red fruit aromas. It is softer, with lovely suppleness, sweet fruit on the mid-palate, and red fruit flavors. The 2018 is the third vintage using the Dutton Ranch Goff-Whitton vineyard exclusively.

**APPELLATION:** Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

**GROWING SEASON:** 2018 brought a relatively normal and mild winter that led to budbreak to near the end of March the Russian River Valley. The growing conditions during the spring and summer were very even and ideal. The above average crop size pushed harvest a little later in 2018. The weather conditions in September were ideal with clear skies, plenty of sunshine, and warm even temperatures allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and completely. An ideal vintage for grape grower and winemaker alike

**HARVEST DATE:** September 21<sup>st</sup>

**VARIETAL:** 100% Pinot Noir

**CLONAL SELECTION:** 75% - 113, 25% - Pommard

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 10 months in Oak – 41% new: 100% French

**WINEMAKING:** The single lot was fermented in open top tanks utilizing both punch downs and pump overs to optimize the level of extraction from the fruit. The wine went to barrel with some yeast lees that were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 6 months of aging to add body and complexity.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2018 Pinot Noir has aromas of intense red cherry, notes of framboise, and wild strawberry, lovely oak spice, vanilla, and hints of clove and baking spice. Rich and plush on the entry, the wine exudes a luscious tart cherry flavor with vanilla and juicy red fruit. With a long soft finish, the chewy tannins keep it nicely structured. A welcome addition to your table now and will continue to improve with cellaring through 2023.

**PRODUCTION:** 330 cases

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