

# 2019 MONUMENT TREE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

# **TASTING NOTES**

APPEARANCE Ruby

#### AROMAS

Mulberry and bergamot with a hint of thyme

#### **PALATE** Plum, savory mushroom and redwood bark

### **MOUTHFEEL & FINISH**

Bright entry, dense refined structure and a fresh, lifted finish

## NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The 2019 vintage opened with plentiful showers that gave way to an extended growing season in the Anderson Valley. Located in the cold Deep End of the valley and planted in decomposed sandstone soils with a northeastern aspect, this vineyard is usually one of our last sites to be harvested. This was certainly the case in 2019, where there was a prolonged end to the growing season, which allowed the fruit to fully mature. From a timely bloom to an ample fruit set, the grapes developed gradually and evenly throughout the season which increased flavor concentration and developed textural finesse. The cool winds from the Pacific Ocean are channeled across this vineyard, and the marine layer of the mornings lingers in the vine rows before giving way to sunny afternoon exposure. This buffering force helped moderate the warm end to the season, giving the crop sufficient time to mature and allowing for a full expression of the Monument Tree site. Bursting with character and poise, our 2019 Monument Tree Pinot Noir showcases the excellent 2019 vintage by striking a harmonious balance between power, elegance and finesse.

#### HARVEST DATES September 23-28, 2019

**ALCOHOL** 14.3%

AVERAGE BRIX 25.2°

**BARREL AGING** 13 months in barrel 6 months on primary lees

BARRELS 100% French oak, 42% new

WHOLE CLUSTER 12%

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