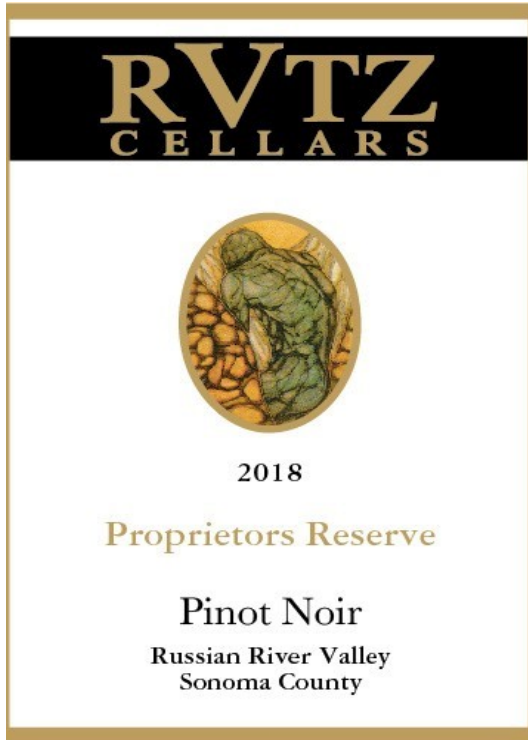


2018 Proprietors Reserve

Russian River Valley

Pinot Noir



Release Notes

Since 1991 RUTZ Cellars has been cultivating its core bottlings from the most preeminent appellation for Pinot Noir: Russian River Valley. This appellation has now gained a world wide reputation for a terroir that balances all the elements of the sun, air and soil. Our Proprietors Reserve Pinot Noir hails from our vineyards within the cooler region of the Russian River Valley in West Sonoma County. Early morning fog, gentle midday sun, and late afternoon fog rolls in to capture our Russian River Valley terroir at its best.

Our old world Burgundian style of crafting our Pinot Noirs has been ever present over the years. Being aged in French oak from the forests of Vosges and Nevers, gives this wine its "balance" between the fruit and the oak. This creates a wine that is soft and supple on the palate that lingers and lingers.

"The Ruby colored 2018 Rutz Pinot Noir (Proprietors Reserve) offers a wide range of aromas, from just-ripe cherries and blackberries to dried herbs like basil, ground cinnamon and white pepper. A vegetal quality arises on the palate, with a hint of porcini mushrooms and green peppers. Very little oak flavors are detected on the long and complex finish. This Pinot Noir is varietally correct and clearly made in an intentionally French style."

-Hillary Zio

Wine Writer, Certified Sommelier, & Educator

www.hillaryzio.com

Technical Notes

Harvest Dates: September 2018

Alcohol: 14.1%

PH: 3.45

TA 4.9 g/L

Origin

100% Russian River Valley

Sonoma County

