

*Rivière**Middle Reach Vineyards*

2017

Wine Details

Vineyard:	El Diablo Vineyard & Starr Ridge Vineyard
Appellation:	Russian River Valley, Middle Reach
Terroir:	Steep-slope vineyards with Gravelly and Sandy loam volcanic clay subsoils
Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Clone:	Pommard UV-Vosne Romanee
Harvest Date:	August 21, 2018
Fermentation:	Cool, long fermentation to complete dryness
Alcohol:	14.1%
Barrels:	French oak and steel
Barrel Aging:	15 months
Bottling Date:	December 8, 2018
Production:	135 cases
Release Date:	Fall 2019
Cellaring Time:	7-15yrs

Winemaker Notes

The 2017 *Middle Reach Vineyards* is a perfect balance of full body strength and elegance in each glass. The aromatics are bursting with vanilla, toasted marshmallow and baking spices, which are strongly complimented by dark cherry, black berry and dark plum. Balanced acidity supports a long silky finish.

– Kale Anderson

Vintage Notes

The 2017 vintage was one for the record books. It will always be known for the intense fires in Sonoma and Napa counties that burned thousands of acres in October. In Sonoma County, the winter and spring rains leading into the 2017 growing season broke records, with the Middle Reach receiving over 57 inches of rainfall. The deluge of rain charged the soils, filled the reservoirs, and brought most of California out of a decade of drought. Bud break in mid-March was followed by elevated temperatures resulting in veraison in mid July. Long hot growing days in early August led to harvest coming abruptly in the middle of the month due to an intense heat wave. The 2017 growing conditions resulted in lower yields but very concentrated and high quality berries.

About the Winery

In the early 90's, we started to develop a palette for different types of wines. Although we knew little about the industry, we enjoyed what was in the glass. Geoff researched different varieties to understand the areas in which different grapes are grown. Over the next several years, we became California wine country enthusiasts and traveled frequently to Sonoma and Napa. It was during these trips we defined our passion for small lot, hand-crafted wines and the stories they told. We found each bottle told its own story. The personal connections we made in Sonoma County with the people, land, and wine, inspired us to purchase our estate vineyard, and we now call the Russian River Valley our home.

We are focused on growing and sourcing ultra-premium grapes from the Middle Reach of the Russian River Valley as we believe wine produced from this region has unique age worthy flavors and characteristics that all will enjoy. Our family's goal is to craft artisanal, limited production wines that will create many memorable experiences.

