

# **EnRoute**

EnRoute Pinot Noir "Les Pommiers" delivers a refined expression of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, featuring fresh red berry compote flavors, delicate notes of spice, and a smooth texture, all balanced by a mouthwatering acidity and elegant tannins.

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California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

The **Russian River Valley** is one of California's premier regions for growing **Pinot Noir**, with its cool climate and foggy conditions. The **"Les Pommiers"** blend is crafted from several vineyard sites, each contributing unique characteristics to the wine.

- Northern Spy Vineyard in Green Valley, once an apple orchard, now produces high-quality fruit on its **Goldridge soils**, with a variety of clones, including **Pommard 5**, **Mt. Eden**, and **Dijon 115**. This vineyard adds structure and complexity to the wine.
- Amber Ridge Vineyard in the Middle Reach area provides fruit from its rolling hills, contributing richness and depth with its mix of Pommard 5, Calera, and Dijon 115, 667, and 777 clones.
- Manzana Vineyard in Green Valley adds brightness and energy to the blend, with hillside plantings of Dijon 114, 115, and Pommard 5.

## Winemaking

The **EnRoute Pinot Noir** is made from **100% Pinot Noir**. The winemaking process includes **open-top fermentation** with daily punch-downs to extract flavor and tannins. The wine remained on the skins for an average of **14 days** to achieve optimal extraction.

Aged for **10 months** in **French oak barrels** (30% new and 70% neutral), the wine develops a refined balance of fruit, tannins, and subtle oak influence, highlighting the complexity and elegance of **Russian River Valley Pinot Noir**.

### Tasting Notes

- Color: Medium ruby red with a bright clarity.
- Aroma: Aromas of fresh raspberry compote are layered with notes of baking spice and the earthy scent of rain on a forest floor.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the wine offers generous yet soft flavors of **strawberry preserves**, expanding with elegant, silky tannins. The lively acidity enhances the fruit and leads to a long, refreshing finish.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir







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## Did you know?

The name "Les Pommiers" translates to "The Apple Trees," a nod to the history of the Northern Spy Vineyard, which was once an apple orchard. This vineyard now contributes some of the finest fruit to this expressive **Pinot Noir** blend.

#### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry sauce**: The wine's red fruit and gentle tannins perfectly complement the richness of the duck and the sweet-tart flavors of the cherry sauce.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: The earthy notes of the wine pair beautifully with the umami-rich flavors of the mushrooms and the creamy texture of the risotto.
- **Grilled salmon**: The vibrant acidity and fresh fruit in the wine balance the richness of grilled salmon, making for a harmonious pairing.
- **Herb-crusted pork tenderloin**: The soft tannins and spice notes in the wine enhance the savory flavors of the pork and herbs.



#### Wine Enthusiast (WE): 93 Points (2022)

Vibrant ruby in color, this wine erupts from the glass with aromas of sweet cinnamon, cola and cherry. There is a charming delicacy here, with flavors of dried rose petal, cherry and berry pie filling on a midweight palate. A captivating dance between the snappy tannin structure and the lively acidity of this wine lead to a very pleasurable finish.



#### James Suckling (JS): 94 Points (2021)

Aromas of flowers, dark strawberries and hints of coffee follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a delicious finish. Extremely integrated and resolved on the palate where it spreads and melts.



#### Wine Spectator (WS): 92 Points (2019)

Lithe, offering cherry preserves and damson plum mixed with hints of lacy black tea and singed anise. Modest in scale but with good energy through the finish, delivering a nice hint of dark earth at the very end. Drink now



