



# Raeburn

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

PINOT NOIR

2016



Raeburn is an Olde English term which means “the river where goes to drink.”

So it's fitting that Raeburn's expressive, beautifully balanced wines begin in the heart of the Russian River Valley where some of the world's finest Burgundy grapes are grown.

Ripe, luscious and downright delicious, let Raeburn take you to the river to share a laugh with friends, enhance your favorite meal or just let the day fall away.

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY TERROIR

The Russian River Valley is cooled by daily fog off the Pacific Ocean located a few miles to the west. Nearly every evening, fog flows east through the Petaluma Gap and up the Russian River channel producing diurnal temperature swings ranging from 35° to 40° F. Nature's air conditioning allows our Pinot Noir grapes to ripen gently over an extended time period - nearly 15 to 20 percent longer than neighboring regions — while retaining its bright fruit flavors and natural acidity.

## 2016 VINTAGE

2016 was another phenomenal year in California. The season kicked-off with much needed winter rains that set the stage for months of steady and even growth. Temperatures were slightly below average which led to excellent phenolic development.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Brilliant crimson in color, Raeburn Russian River Valley Pinot Noir leads with pleasing aroma of baking spice and vanilla. The palate is marked with stunning fruit flavors of lush wild blueberry, raspberry and blackberry with undertones of roasted hazelnut. The finish is graceful and sophisticated.

## VINIFICATION

Our Pinot Noir grapes are hand-picked during the cool early morning hours to preserve their fresh, delicate flavors. Once the grapes arrive at the winery, they are carefully destemmed and cold soaked for several days to enhance color and flavor. Fermentation takes place in small, open top containers with twice daily punch downs to intensify color and structure. After a gentle pressing, the wine is racked several times and transferred into French oak barrels, 25% new, for 11 months of aging.

100% Pinot Noir

TA: .59g/100ml

PH: 3.67

Alcohol: 14.5%