



*Siduri, named for the Babylonian goddess of wine, specializes in cool-climate Pinot Noir from growing regions across California and Oregon. Our winemakers' constant pursuit of Pinot perfection has led to long-standing relationships with top growers in premier appellations from Oregon's Willamette Valley to California's Santa Barbara County.*



## 2018 PINOT NOIR PRATT VINEYARD - SEXTON ROAD

The Pratt—Sexton Vineyard is on Sexton Road, between Sebastopol and Occidental on the Sonoma Coast. This hillside vineyard is farmed by Jim Pratt, who we are lucky enough to have farm a couple of our other vineyard-designate sites – Parsons and Ewald. We harvest 3 different clones at the Pratt—Sexton property including a somewhat mysterious Jackson clone which was isolated from old Pinot Noir plantings in Jackson, California.

**APPELLATION:** Russian River Valley

**AROMATICS:** Black raspberries, thyme, lavender, sage

**PALATE:** Black cherry, plum, spice

**ALCOHOL:** 14.1% | **TA:** 3.61 | **PH:** 5.7

**AGING:** 30% new French oak for 10 months

**CLONES:** Pommard, Jackson and 777

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season was slow and steady – a welcome change from the challenges and extremes of 2017. Fruit set was very good in most vineyards despite an unusually cool start to the season. Moderate summer and fall weather without any major heat events allowed fruit to ripen evenly and mature on the vine, leading to a later start to harvest than previous vintages. The resulting Pinot Noir fruit possessed ripe flavors, mature tannins, deep color and impeccable balance across the board. The wines matured beautifully in the cellar and showcase all the highlights of a truly remarkable vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine shows us the “big” characteristics, typical of Pratt-Sexton and more, with additional earthy complexity from the use of whole clusters in Pommard clone. One of the reasons the Pinots from this location are “big” is because the acid levels are so high here that the grapes need to achieve higher sugars for the acids to be low enough to successfully complete malolactic fermentation. Unfortunately, this is one place where 2018 yields were tiny and there is very little of this delicious wine to go around.

