



GARY FARRELL

Winemaker Theresa Heredia (pictured right) is a pioneer of cool-climate viticulture in Sonoma; she has been with the estate since 2012.



Hallberg Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017

Russian River Valley, California

ESTATE

For over 38 years, Gary Farrell Winery has crafted small-lot artisan wines capturing balance and stylistic elegance from some of the finest vineyard sites in the Russian River Valley. In 1985, Winemaker Gary Farrell released his 55 cases of 1982 Rochioli-Allen Pinot Noir to widespread critical acclaim. Since that release, the team at Gary Farrell Winery has consistently focused on rigorous vineyard selection, outstanding grower relationships, and superior quality fruit. For the past 8 years, the current owners have been dedicated to enhancing Gary Farrell's legacy with a single-minded focus on quality.

WINE

The Hallberg Vineyard Pinot Noir is a Grand Cru amongst single vineyard offerings from Gary Farrell Winery. Vintage after vintage, it delivers a dynamic wine that reflects the diverse array of soil types, the cooling effects of the Green Valley appellation, and the broad spectrum of dark red fruit character and exotic spice that the vintage brings, from pomegranate to beetroot, clove to grains of paradise.

VINEYARD

Named for its previous owners, the 100-acre Hallberg Vineyard is today owned and managed by wine industry veterans including vineyard manager Kirk Lokka. Nestled in the Green Valley appellation, the site enjoys refreshing daytime breezes and cool nighttime temperatures. The strong marine influence means less severe daily temperature shifts so the vines never completely shut down, producing fruit with deep, dark color, great structure, silky tannins, darker fruit flavors and earthy characteristics.

WINEMAKING

Harvest: Fruit is picked at slightly lower sugar levels in order to capture more varietal character, natural acidity and site specificity

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: 15 Months, French Oak (40% new)

Alcohol: 13.8%

VINTAGE

Harvest began on August 21st, with 60% of grapes brought in the first two weeks leading up to a heat wave. By planning to pick before the heatwave, using overnight refrigeration, and general efficiency, the Gary Farrell Winery team smoothed over the bumps of an otherwise rapid harvest. The flavor and ripeness of the wines are excellent.

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"Forceful in black tea, warm spice and forest floor, this bold, beautifully layered vineyard-designate wine is complemented by underlying red tones of pomegranate, cranberry and wild strawberry. Balanced, complex and eminently appealing, it features silky, elegant tannins."

- VIRGINIE BONNE, 12/2020