

*Rivière**Middle Reach Vineyards*

2017

**Wine Details**

<b>Vineyard:</b>	El Diablo Vineyard & Starr Ridge Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley, Middle Reach
<b>Terroir:</b>	Steep-slope vineyards with Gravelly and Sandy loam volcanic clay subsoils
<b>Varietal:</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Clone:</b>	Pommard UV-Vosne Romanee
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	August 21, 2017
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Cool, long fermentation to complete dryness
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1%
<b>Barrels:</b>	French oak and steel
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	15 months
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	December 8, 2018
<b>Production:</b>	135 cases
<b>Release Date:</b>	Fall 2019
<b>Cellaring Time:</b>	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.

