

*Rivière**Middle Reach Vineyards*

2018

Wine Details

Vineyard:	Starr Ridge/El Diablo
Appellation:	Russian River Valley, Middle Reach
Terroir:	Steep-slope vineyards with Gravelly and Sandy loam volcanic clay subsoils
Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Clone:	Pommard UV-Vosne Romanée
Harvest Date:	September 1st & 8th, 2018
Fermentation:	Cool, long fermentation to complete dryness
Alcohol:	14.5%
Barrels:	French oak
Barrel Aging:	11 months
Bottling Date:	August 10, 2019
Production:	390 cases
Release Date:	Fall 2020
Cellaring Time:	7-15yrs

Winemaker Notes

The 2018 *Middle Reach Vineyards* is a classic Middle Reach "Neighborhood" wine that exhibits dark fruit and silky elegance. The aromatics display boysenberry, candied cherry and hints of licorice and sage. The palate is driven by black cherry, red plum red current and pomegranate accompanied by touches of allspice, cardamom and white pepper. Intense acidity supports a long velvety finish.

– Kale Anderson

Vintage Notes

The 2018 growing season in the Middle Reach neighborhood can be considered classic and ideal. The early Winter months were slightly warmer than usual with below average rainfall, but the lack of early rain was made up in February and March. The growing season had generally moderate temperatures resulting in a long hangtime that created optimal cluster maturity. A cool foggy marine layer was prevalent most mornings but gave way to warm afternoons. Harvest began August 28th and end September 21st. Both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay fruit quality was excellent and is characterized as generating intense flavor and well-balanced acidity.

About the Winery

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.

Marla & Geoff Bedrosian
Proprietors

