

JOSEPH JEWELL

— 2020 — PINOT NOIR Ryan Vineyard Humboldt County

Winemaker Notes:

Not every year do we make a vineyard designate from Ryan. The last vintage was 2018, which quickly sold out after earning 96 points from Wine Enthusiast.

Ryan Vineyard is located just outside the town of Benbow in Humboldt County. I grew up in Benbow and as a kid, I rode my three-wheeler up the East Branch of the Eel River and hiked the mountains and hillsides. I remember very clearly one such afternoon I stumbled upon an amazing flat meadow that was a good hike off the river bar. It was a beautiful bench in the middle of the rugged hills around Benbow. About 20 years later, I was invited by the owner of that same property to go and look at a vineyard they planted in Benbow. When I arrived at the vineyard, I felt déjà vu: I had been in this meadow many years earlier! That's why this vineyard has a special place in my heart and also for producing fantastic wines.

VINEYARD DETAILS

BLOCKS/CLONES USED IN BOTTLING 50% 115, 25% 777 and 25% 667

TOTAL TONS ACQUIRED 4.56

VINEYARD ORIENTATION North South Rows, 7 feet by 6 feet

TRELLISING TYPE VSP, bi-lateral cordon

AVERAGE CROP LOAD PER ACRE 1.75 tons per acre.

SOIL TYPE Well drained soils. Colluvium derived from sandstone and/or earthflow deposits

derived from schist.

PRIMARY FERMENTATION DETAILS HARVEST DATE/BRIX 09/19 - 20/2020 23.9 - 24.2Brix

FERMENTATION TIME 16 days

PUNCH DOWNS PER DAY 2 per day

TYPE/SIZE OF FERMENTATION VESSEL Temperature controlled, stainless steel open top tanks

TYPE OF FERMENTATION 11% Wholcluster destemmed

BARREL PROGRAM

PERCENTAGE OF NEW FRENCH OAK 33% New French oak

Tonnellerie Remond Allier & Tonnellerie Rousseau

BARREL AGING 18 months

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

ALCOHOL 13.8%

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3.66

TITRATABLE ACIDITY 6.2 g/L

BOTTLING March 1st 2022, Unfined unfiltered

CASES PRODUCED 6 barrels