



# ► Find Your Perfect Pinot

## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### The Neighborhoods

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-  EASTERN HILLS
-  LAGUNA RIDGE



## Sip, Smile, Return

Experience what makes us different than other wine regions. We've got the best climate to grow Pinot Noir. And more soil types than France. The result? An incredible array of flavor profiles.

Just like a city filled with diverse communities, Russian River Valley consists of six smaller areas called neighborhoods. These stretch from Sebastopol to Santa Rosa and Forestville to Healdsburg. Our neighborhoods are as unique as the award-winning wines we produce.\*

We're a valley filled with generations of farmers and winemakers. A community of friends and neighbors, ready to welcome you. Eager to take you on an exploration of cool climate Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and so much more.

## Experience the Full Spectrum of Russian River Pinot Noir

### ▶ SANTA ROSA PLAINS

Closest to Santa Rosa on the east side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, some of the oldest vineyards planted in the 1880s, can be found here. Dotted with valley oaks, this neighborhood is the largest and can have the greatest daily shift in day to night temperatures. The neighborhood's defining clay-loam soils are the remnants of an ancient inland sea that drained to the Pacific.

### ▶ MIDDLE REACH

Near southern Healdsburg, this area follows the contour of the Russian River and consists of sedimentary soils deposits from the river. The oldest Pinot Noir vines are here including Rochioli's West Block Vineyard and Baciagalupi's historic Chardonnay vines, included in the 1976 Paris Tasting. First to see the morning fog burn off, elevation and proximity to the river can have a moderating effect on climate.

### ▶ SEBASTOPOL HILLS

Spanning the coastal range, west and southwest of the town of Sebastopol, this area was once an ancient seabed with very uniform Goldridge soils. Planted exclusively to apples until the first vines were established in the mid-1990s. The coldest and most windswept neighborhood with limited frost concern due to the close proximity to the Pacific Ocean.

## See the Land, Taste the Wines

Ready for an adventure in authentic wine country? Each Russian River Valley neighborhood produces an expression of Pinot Noir that's different every year. That's part of the fun—the joy of discovery.

We're one big valley filled with variety. Come for the wine, but stay for the adventure. Country roads to explore. Rolling hills to cycle. A canopy of ancient redwood trees to walk beneath. A river to kayak and a laguna to discover.

\*Based on Elemental Analysis of 2015 & 2017 Pinot Noir vintages, University of California, Davis. Elemental Analysis conducted by Dr. Roger B. Boulton, Ph.D., Viticulture and Enology.

“ IT'S ABOUT DISCOVERY, A SEARCH FOR YOUR FAVORITE AND WHY IT'S UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE. ”

—MIKE SULLIVAN | CO-OWNER & WINEMAKER, *BENOVIA WINERY*

### ▶ LAGUNA RIDGE

Defined by the ridgeline separating Green Valley from the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the smallest of the neighborhoods, consists of well-drained, uniform Goldridge loam series soils. South of the Russian River near Forestville, pioneering winemaker Joseph Swan was the first to plant Pinot Noir here in the late 1960s.

### ▶ GREEN VALLEY

Just south of Forestville and north of Sebastopol, Green Valley is the only neighborhood designated as an official AVA. Following the path of the Atascadero Creek, it's a nest that cradles the fog resulting in a unique climate for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Find the oldest Chardonnay vines in the Valley, planted by the Dutton family in the mid-1960s.

### ▶ EASTERN HILLS

Following the western edge of the Mayacamas range, this northernmost neighborhood has the least fog influence. Soils may be the most diverse within the Valley and are both volcanic and sedimentary. The western facing vineyards along the hills are exposed to warm afternoon temperatures and grapes tend to ripen earlier.

