



Tilth, which refers to soil health, encapsulates the Driscoll's approach to exploring California's treasury of soils.



Pinot Noir 2018

California, USA

ESTATE

Jason and Hilary Driscoll met in Washington State and discovered their love of wine through Jason's work as a chef and their determination to find the perfect wine pairings. What was supposed to be a brief once-in-a-lifetime harvest opportunity in between kitchens, turned into a passion and full-time job as Jason worked his way up through the cellars at Hunnicut Wines before becoming the Assistant Winemaker for David and Katharine DeSante of DeSante Wines. "DeSante University" immersed him both in the vineyards and the cellar. He learned everything from pruning to pump-building. Jason was exposed to lesser known vineyards, both old and new, that produced spectacular fruit. Inspired by the quality wines these vineyards produced, Hilary and Jason conceived Tilth Wines.

WINE

Working with an array of vineyards from the foggy climes of the Russian River Valley, Tilth Pinot Noir marries purity, elegance, and silky texture for a pitch perfect example of Pinot Noir. Grapes are sourced largely from the Tina Marie Vineyard (90%), situated on southwest facing slopes in the Green Valley portion of the Russian River Valley. The remaining 10% is sourced from the Riddle Vineyard (10%), which offers another site on goldridge sandy loan soils, although with North facing slopes.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest: Late August

Fermentation: Each clone was harvested and fermented with native yeasts separately. For the overall blend, 20% whole clusters were used in 1-2 ton open-top tanks. Each lot received 1-2 punchdowns per day for an average of 10-14 days per fermentation

Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new.

Alcohol: 14%

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"The majority of the grapes in this wine are whole-cluster fermented and then aged 10 months in French oak, a minority of it new. This is a fresh, soft and supple red, with robust earthiness. Forest, black tea and tar ride along a wavelength of tangy strawberry and rhubarb, finishing focused and peppery." - VB, 9/2020