



GARY FARRELL

Winemaker Theresa Heredia (pictured right) is a pioneer of cool-climate viticulture in Sonoma; she has been with the estate since 2012.



Russian River Pinot Noir 2017

Russian River Valley, California

ESTATE

For over 37 years, Gary Farrell Winery has crafted small-lot artisan wines capturing balance and stylistic elegance from some of the finest vineyard sites in the Russian River Valley. In 1985, Winemaker Gary Farrell released his 55 cases of 1982 Rochioli-Allen Pinot Noir to widespread critical acclaim. Since that release, the team at Gary Farrell Winery has consistently focused on rigorous vineyard selection, outstanding grower relationships, and superior quality fruit. For the past 8 years, the current owners have been dedicated to enhancing Gary Farrell's legacy with a single-minded focus on quality.

WINE

A beautiful expression of the varietal and of the appellation's unique terroir, this Pinot Noir blend captures the richness, purity and elegance that are Gary Farrell Winery's trademarks.

VINEYARD

Sources: Hallberg, Rochioli, Tboni, Martaella, Hop Kiln, Nonella, Pratt-Lakeview

Farming: Sonoma County will become the nation's first 100% certified sustainable wine region; currently, 90% of Gary Farrell's grower partners are certified or pending certification through California's four accepted programs.

WINEMAKING

Harvest: Fruit is picked at slightly lower sugar levels in order to capture more varietal character, natural acidity and site specificity

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: 10 Months, French Oak (35% new)

Alcohol: 13.7%

VINTAGE

2017 saw a severe heat wave at the end of August, which threatened already above-average brix levels. It is a true testament to thoughtful winemaking, though, that even during a temultuous vintage, early morning harvesting and multiple passes through the vineyards resulted in vibrant, delicious and truly expressive wines.



"This is an outstanding showcase of the appellation, sourced from such stellar sties as Hallberg, Rochioli and Martaella. Fragrant, fruity and herbal, with an exotically spicy undercurrent, it shows a length of fresh pomegranate, raspberry and white pepper all laced by crisp acidity." - VB, 3/2020