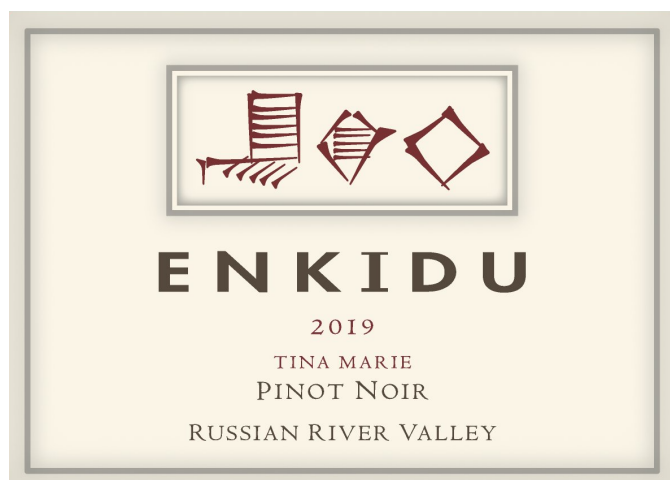


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## 2019 Tina Marie Pinot Noir



### What we think:

Tina Marie is on quite a run of fabulous wines going back to 2013. This small vineyard in the Green Valley area of Russian River Valley is ideally situated with climate and dirt for producing grapes that make possible outstanding Pinots. Whole Cluster and native yeast fermentation yield more complexity. The 2019 exudes black cherry liqueur, spice, and new French oak. On the palate it is warm with the acid kicking in midway to a long finish. There is a 'tension' to the 2019 RRV Pinots that comes through in Tina offering greater energy and verve. Feminine and strong. This is a very sexy wine that continues to build in the bottle.

Harvest: Sept. 14, 2019

Brix: 25°

Clones: 115, 667, 777

pH: 3.62

T.A.: 6.0 gms/L

Cooperage: French Oak, 40% new

Bottled: March 25, 2021

**75 Cases Produced**

### Place and vine:

The Tina Marie vineyard is situated in the blessed Pinot Noir appellation – the Green Valley, within the Russian River Valley located NW of Sebastopol. The 11 acre vineyard is planted to Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777. The coastal fog visits most days until September, and burns off late morning moderating the summer sun. The Gold Ridge soils offer great drainage and impart the classic characteristic of the RRV that often display great structure with rich, spicy fruit and a solid core in the mid-palate.

### What we did:

The alter ego to our Petite Sirah, we employ very minimalist techniques with our Pinots. We added 20% whole clusters to the whole berry, destemmed fruit, which then underwent a four-day cold soak, involving a daily gentle pump over of the juice. Once fermentation began naturally with indigenous yeast we punched down twice daily until fermentation was complete. After a five-day extended maceration we pressed gently to French oak barrels, 40% new. We then stirred monthly for six months before allowing the wine to rest until bottling. The Tina Marie was racked just once before we bottled after 15 months in barrel.