

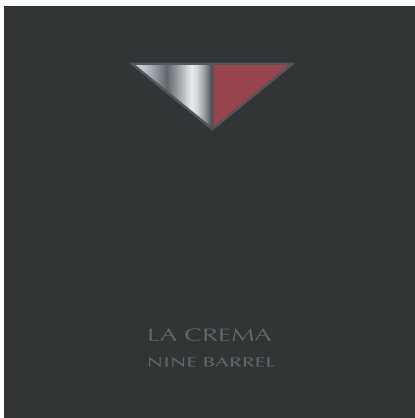


## NINE BARREL 2019 PINOT NOIR

### *Refined. Rich. Elegant.*

*"Aromas of fresh raspberry, WILD ROSE, and coastal cedar are followed by flavors of BLACK PLUM, cola, and baking spice. On the palate, the 2019 vintage presents RICH concentration and firm acidity."*

CRAIG McALLISTER, WINEMAKER



### THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley  
 Composition: 100% Pinot Noir  
 Type of Oak: 100% French oak;  
 45% new  
 Time in Barrel: 15 months  
 Alcohol: 14.5%  
 T.A.: 6.3 g/L  
 pH: 3.32

Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions—passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

### A REMARKABLE PLACE

The home of La Crema and the heart of Sonoma County Wine Country, the Russian River Valley AVA is one of the world's premier wine-growing regions. One unique element of the area is the Pacific Ocean's maritime influence, which moderates the warm days of the growing season, allowing grapes to ripen and develop slowly. The unique weather patterns combined with a diversity of well-draining soils make the appellation well suited to produce cool-climate Pinot Noir.

*It's one of the world's best cool-climate appellations.  
It's a place for La Crema.*

### EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

The 2019 growing season in Sonoma County was ideal. Emerging from a winter of record rainfall and significant flooding across the county we had a relatively cool, but fine spring. As a result bud-break was 2-3 weeks later than average in some places. A surprisingly heavy rainfall in May came right around the time of bloom—thankfully it did not affect fruit set and early signs were there for an abundant crop in 2019. Summer was by all accounts relatively mild and were a continuation of the more traditional conditions we saw in 2018. A long slow ripening season produced grapes with distinct flavors, aromas and vibrant acidity. The 2019 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir harvest began on August 29th.

### ARTISAN WINEMAKING

*Our small-batch, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.*

Our 9 favorite barrels from 3 of our favorite vineyards. Estate vineyards Barbieri and Bellflower are located in the Santa Rosa Plains area of the Russian River AVA and offer some of the darker, spicier notes in the blend, Bones vineyard in West County offers bright red and blue fruit and savory earthy undertones. Clones include: 667, 777, 828 and Pommard. Blocks and clones were kept separate until final blending to allow the greatest range of expression. Extended maturation (15 months) in French oak builds richness and promotes tannin integration.

*The soulful, spirited Russian River Valley in every sip.*