

ESTATE BOTTLED



## 2021 WHITE PINOT NOIR

## VINEYARD NOTES

The Olivet Lane Vineyard, named for the mature olive trees lining the entrance, has been faithfully tended by the Pellegrini favmily for over 40 years. This prime Russian River Valley property is now expertly managed by 4th generation, Alexia Pellegrini. Originally an apple and plum orchard, the 70-acre property on West Olivet Road in Santa Rosa was purchased by the Pellegrini family in 1973. This prime Russian River Valley property was converted to a vineyard in 1975 with the planting of Pinot noir and Chardonnay. The Olivet Lane Vineyard is situated in the heart of the Russian River Valley's low-lying Laguna de Santa Rosa Plain region, distinguished by the maritime fog influence sweeping up from the Pacific through the Petaluma Gap to the South. The cool climate extends the growing season, creating the opportunity for the grapes to ripen slowly and reach their full flavor potential while retaining their natural acidity, producing wines that are elegant and age-worthy.

## TASTING NOTES

Our second vintage in a wine fast becoming a staff favorite, the 2021 Olivet Lane White Pinot Noir achieves flawless balance of bright acid and rich creamy texture. Aromatics are vibrant with white peach, pineapple guava, and yellow watermelon. Alpine strawberry, Meyer lemon, and yuzu engulf the tongue, with a pleasant citrus finish.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The most crucial step in the production of white wines made from red grapes comes when it's time to make pressing decisions. Grapes for our Olivet Lane White Pinot were whole-cluster pressed, however, the free-run juice from the press was diverted to the Olivet Lane Rosé program, along with all medium and heavy pressings. As is often the case, the free-run juice for this white pressing is predominantly from the ripest berries being crushed under the weight of other fruit, and therefore brings with it some color and riper flavors. We stabulated the juice for this wine in order to settle out any unstable color and heavier flavors which may have come along with even this gentle press. Thanks to this stabulation process, we were able to produce the brilliant light pale color seen in the bottle without the addition of any fining agents. This wine was barrel fermented in neutral French oak, with regular barrel stirring to encourage volume and mouthfeel. A traditionally Sauvignon Blanc yeast was utilized in order to impart better concentration of stone fruit flavors.

AVA: Russian River Valley
VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

TA: 7.40 g/L PH: 3.31 RS: <1 g/L HARVESTED: September 1, 2021 BOTTLED: March 23, 2021

AGING: 5 months neutral French oak

CLONE: Martini
SOIL: Gravelly, clay loam

