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VINEYARDS



BRAND STORY

Orogeny Vineyards is dedicated to crafting high-end Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool, foggy Russian River Valley in Sonoma County. The name 'Orogeny' derives from the Greek word—oro "mountain" and—geny "birth" and pays homage to the geological beginnings of the Russian River, which was formed through collisions and separations of the Earth's crust. As the name suggests, the cool-climate terroir shines through in these wines, offering pure, bright fruit expression and balanced acidity.

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Orogeny wines are sourced from a selection of small, exceptional vineyards in the Russian River Valley, an exciting, up-and-coming wine region for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. This is the coolest, foggiest region in Sonoma County, perfect for producing elegant styles wines with bright acidity. Orogeny sources across multiple vineyards, including low-yielding, dry-farmed plots for Chardonnay and old, organically-farmed vines for Pinot Noir, which add layers of complexity. The end result is wines of consistently excellent quality which often garner critical and consumer acclaim for their impressive depth and balance.

WINEMAKER

Orogeny makes only 2 varietals – Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Made by talented winemaker Adolfo Alarcon, who trained in California and specializes in these two varietals, these wines start in the vineyard, where Adolfo works hand in hand with our grower partners to select the precise lots that will comprise each vintage. He then expertly crafts



Adolfo Alarcon, Winemaker

these wines using techniques such as hand-sorting, fermentation with native yeasts, barrel fermentation and French oak aging to bring forth the best expression of the grapes.

THE WINES

- Chardonnay, Russian River Valley
- Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley



KEY SELLING POINTS

- Burgundian varietal focus since its inception in 2002.
- Sourced from cool climate vineyards in the Russian River Valley.
- Winemaker Adolfo Alarcon is a recognized talent in the industry for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir production.



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CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER

Alcohol: 13% • Acidity: 6.1 g/L • ph: 3.55

WINEMAKING:

After hand harvesting in the foggy early morning, we immediately pressed the clusters to retain optimum fruitiness and balance in the wine. We fermented all the juice with wild yeast in toasted French barrels (45 percent new oak) for complexity. During malolactic fermentation (100 percent complete) and barrel aging, we gently stirred the yeast lees (bâtonnage) every two weeks to integrate fruit, oak and winemaking flavors and to add weight on the palate.

TASTING NOTES:

Lush, ripe white peach, pineapple and pear notes mingle with toasty vanilla and oak spice nuances in the rich aromas and flavors of our Russian River Chardonnay. A hint of white flower and streak of minerality—typical of Russian River Valley terroir—add enticing complexity. The wine's pitch-perfect acidity, influenced by the cool Pacific Ocean fog that funnels through a gap in the Sonoma Mountains, gives the wine vibrancy on the richly textured palate. Malolactic fermentation and new French oak barrels enhanced the lingering citrus and crème brûlée finish.



PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER

Alcohol: 13.5% • Acidity: 6.3 g/L • ph: 3.70

WINEMAKING:

We picked the grapes very early in the morning and then sorted them three times: first in the vineyard and then at the winery as both clusters and destemmed berries. The berries were cold soaked, with twice daily punch-downs, for gentle extraction of varietal character and tannins. Native yeast fermentation in small open-top fermentors was followed by in-barrel, native malolactic fermentation to round acidity. Matthew tasted the wines everyday during fermentation so he could tailor his winemaking procedures to develop the unique aroma, flavor and tannin profile of each vineyard. Ten months of aging in French oak barrels integrated oak spice and toffee in to the vibrant berry character.

TASTING NOTES:

The crystalline, complex flavors of our Orogeny Pinot Noir speak to the distinctive soils and microclimates of four tiny vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The sunny vintage intensified the wine's fragrant ripe blackberry, blueberry and mulberry expression, while its notes of forest loam and redwood bark reflect the terroir. Warm spice nuances, from 40 percent new French oak barrels, lift the aromas and linger on the finish. Fine tannins and beautifully balanced acidity support the silky palate.