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Little Boat 'Mateo' Pinot Noir 2023

Crafted in the elegant and expressive style of José Ignacio Cuenca, this Pinot Noir is rich, balanced, and effortlessly drinkable. It showcases vibrant fruit concentration and a silky, seamless palate. Creamy in texture with remarkable depth, richness, and length, the wine is harmonious from start to finish.

The blend is anchored by fruit from Mount Olivet Vineyard in the heart of the Russian River Valley—an historic site established by the Rued family in the 1870s. Farmed today by octogenarian Richard Rued, the vineyard is a living archive of California Pinot Noir clones, offering exceptional diversity and complexity. Complementary fruit from Windsor Oaks Vineyard in the warmer Chalk Hill sub-appellation brings added body and structure.

Made in a classic Burgundian style, grapes were fully de-stemmed, cold-soaked at 50°F, and gently extracted through irrigation. The wine was pressed at dryness after 12 days on the skins and aged for 18 months in 100% French oak, 35% of which was new, sourced primarily from Francois Frères and Remond cooperages.

No fining was necessary. The result is a Pinot Noir of depth and elegance, with refined tannins and a long, graceful finish.

Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.75, T.A. 5.7 g/L.

Produced and bottled at William Knuttel's winery in Sonoma, California.

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