



# GARY FARRELL

Winemaker Theresa Heredia (pictured right) is a pioneer of cool-climate viticulture in Sonoma; she has been with the estate since 2012.



## Hallberg Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

Russian River Valley, California

### ESTATE

For over 38 years, Gary Farrell Winery has crafted small-lot artisan wines capturing balance and stylistic elegance from some of the finest vineyard sites in the Russian River Valley. In 1985, Winemaker Gary Farrell released his 55 cases of 1982 Rochioli-Allen Pinot Noir to widespread critical acclaim. Since that release, the team at Gary Farrell Winery has consistently focused on rigorous vineyard selection, outstanding grower relationships, and superior quality fruit. For the past 8 years, the current owners have been dedicated to enhancing Gary Farrell's legacy with a single-minded focus on quality.

### WINE

A beautiful expression of the varietal and of the appellation's unique terroir, this Pinot Noir blend captures the richness, purity and elegance that are Gary Farrell Winery's trademarks.

### VINEYARD

Named for its previous owners, the 100-acre Hallberg Vineyard is today owned and managed by wine industry veterans including vineyard manager Kirk Lokka. Nestled in the Green Valley sub-appellation, the site enjoys refreshing daytime breezes and cool nighttime temperatures. The strong marine influence means less severe daily temperature shifts so the vines never completely shut down, producing fruit with deep, dark color, great structure, silky tannins, darker fruit flavors and earthy characteristics.

### WINEMAKING

*Harvest:* Fruit is picked at slightly lower sugar levels in order to capture more varietal character, natural acidity and site specificity

*Variety:* 100% Pinot Noir

*Aging:* 15 Months, French Oak (40% new)

*Alcohol:* 13.9%

### VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was an exceptional year for Russian River Valley wines. Cooler than average daytime highs and cold nights provided the opportunity to pick the fruit exactly when it was ready, yielding wines with tremendous concentration, finesse and beautiful natural acidity.

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## Decanter

"Showcases exceptional depth with ripe red fruit character largely leaning into cherry, raspberry, strawberry and a hint of dried lavender in the mix. Black tea, savoury spice and silky tannins lay the groundwork for an elegant harmony of fresh acidity, seamless structure and a juicy finish." -Stacy Slinkard, 6/20

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