

# JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS

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## 2018 Pinot Noir - Cuvée de Trois - Russian River Valley

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### THE VINEYARDS:

The vineyards for this wine are all located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, approximately 15-18 miles from the Pacific Ocean. They represent a variety of soil types, viticultural practices and clonal selections, but each carries the overriding characteristics of the best of the Russian River Valley. The blend varies from year to year. This year it includes wine from our 50+ year-old Trenton Estate Vineyard, Trenton View, Saralee's, Catie's Corner, Ritchie, Solas, DNA and Great Oak, and Tilton Hill.

### WINEMAKING:

This wine was produced from a multiplicity of clones of pinot noir. Each block of each vineyard was harvested and fermented separately. Fifteen to twenty percent of each lot was left as whole clusters with the balance de-stemmed into open top fermenters. As fermentation began on it's own by wild yeast, the cap was punched by hand three times per day during the peak fermentation to extract color and flavor and to control fermentation temperature. After an average of 21 days on the grape skins, the wine was pressed off, settled briefly and then racked to French Burgundy barrels, around one-third new, for 10 months of aging before selection, blending, and bottling. Each barrel of each lot was individually tasted and numerous blending trials were conducted before the final blend was decided upon. Only then did the wine receive its' first racking as it was assembled for bottling, unfinned and unfiltered. The production in 2018 was 2223 cases. 14%ABV.

### THE WINE:

Faded ruby color. It dances between earth and fruit with flavors of red (plum pit, along with dark-ish berries, black tea and loam), seriousness and playfulness. It is firm and balanced with all of the components in harmony and should drink well for another 5-10 years. This is our number one selling restaurant wine and has been on wine lists round the world!

