



2018 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Georganne

This vintage marks the 10th anniversary of the Georganne Vineyard bottling. Regal and vibrant, the 2018 Georganne reflects its namesake vineyard overlooking the Russian River at the northern, warmer border of our Valley. As the vineyard ages, the wine is rapidly gaining complexity, living up to the potential Merry first saw when she planted it in 2006.

When the property was acquired by Georganne and Robert Proctor, they decided to remove their fading Chardonnay vineyard, with Pinot Noir as their desired replacement. After meeting Merry and her husband, Ken, who coincidentally have middle names of George and Anne, it was decided that a long-term lease of this land would benefit all parties: a beautiful view for the Proctors and splendid grapes for Merry Edwards Winery.

The ruby-colored wine is bright and inviting in the glass. The nose offers fragrant dark cherries and berries, crushed stone fruit, vanilla bean and baking spices, as well as black tea and floral notes. On the palate there is a succulent core of mixed berries and a firm, focused finish. This is a Pinot Noir of youthful power and complexity that will age with grace.

We suggest trying this wine with a recipe from our neighbors at Gourmet Mushrooms: *Cream of Maitake Mushroom Soup*. The maitake mushroom is a great choice for this soup since it brings a heartiness some other mushrooms lack — enhancing and embracing Georganne's vibrancy. Just include a fresh salad of mixed greens and some crusty bread for a fine evening meal.