



2018 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Klopp Ranch

The Klopp Ranch Vineyard, located on the eastern slope of the Laguna Ridge, overlooks the Laguna de Santa Rosa wintertime lake. The owner of this vineyard, Ted Klopp, is an old friend of Merry's and their working relationship dates back to the late 1980s, when she consulted for him at the time the ranch was planted.

The approachable and inviting 2018 vintage perfectly illustrates the character of this wine. Klopp Ranch delivers this classic fruit profile year after year. The oldest blocks contributed the fruit that created this bottling — pairing the heritage Pommard and Swan clones to make a beautiful blend!

The first aromas flowing from a glass of this Klopp Pinot include raspberries, Kir liqueur, macerated cherries, cola and licorice. There are floral notes along with plum, baking spices and cinnamon. The palate shows a focused entry, benefiting from sweet oak, cherry cordial and a touch of caramel. Refreshing acidity marries with ripe, lush tannins for a sustained finish.

San Francisco Bay Area ex-pat and current El Paso, Texas, resident Erik Hanshew offered up a recipe that pairs beautifully with this Pinot. His *Saffron Grilled Chicken with English Pea Pappardelle* includes plenty of fresh herbs as well as morel mushrooms, which both help to bring out the core personality of this wine. For his effort, Erik will receive a signed magnum of the 2018 Klopp Ranch. You can find this recipe in the food section of merryedwards.com.