



2018 Merry Edwards Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Olivet Lane

The Olivet Lane Pinot Noir bottling has been a treasured part of the Merry Edwards portfolio since its inaugural vintage in 1997. This vineyard, which was first planted in 1973, is near and dear to Merry as she has played an integral role in its development. Merry's long relationship with this property dates back to the mid-1980s, when she met Bob Pellegrini. In 1991, Merry began working with the Pellegrinis to make their winery's Olivet Lane Pinot Noir, and subsequently her own.

The 2018 growing season was mild and even, allowing for a later harvest than we had the previous three seasons. The resulting wine possesses a deep purple-garnet hue and promising perfume that foretells a long future. Aromas of roses, red cherries, blackberries and raspberries combine with wet stone, forest floor, a scattering of baking spices and a dusting of cocoa. Mouthwatering acidity and plush tannins create an elegant, graceful balance that belies this wine's youth.

This classic Olivet Lane deserves a classic dish to best showcase its fine qualities. *Frisée and Arugula Salad with Lardons and Poached Eggs* offers a bright yet savory pairing. The luxurious texture and elegant structure of this vintage of Olivet Lane marries well with the luscious poached eggs while also soothing the intensity of the bacon vinaigrette. Serve with crusty sourdough for a beautiful brunch dish or a simple yet sultry supper.