



2018 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY BUCHER VINEYARD

The Bucher family has farmed this property as a dairy since 1958. In 1997, John Bucher decided to diversify and began planting Pinot Noir vines. The highly regarded grapes soon became “Bucher Pinot Noir” vineyard designates for neighboring wineries, as well as the Buchers’ own brand. The Merry Edwards wines that come from the Bucher Vineyard have been under the care of Winemaker Heidi von der Mehden since the inaugural 2016 vintage, when she was Associate Winemaker. She works in tandem with John Bucher, and together they are producing meticulously farmed grapes that create wines of great depth and structure.

TASTING

This wine’s red-to-deep-purple color is a lovely accompaniment to the tantalizing aromas resonating from the glass. Notes of fresh rain, wet stone, spice and oak lift the fruit and floral notes of rose petal and anise on the nose. Big and powerful in the mouth, the wine is loaded with black cherries, black raspberries and root beer. Integrated tannins are ripe and juicy and leave the mouth well-coated through the finish.

PAIRING

Diane Bucher generously offered us a family recipe that pairs beautifully with our 2018 Bucher Pinot Noir. Her Stuffed Autumn Pumpkin is a dish she loves to make for her family when the weather turns cool and they’re craving a comforting, hearty dish. A whole Sugar Pie pumpkin is stuffed with a decadent mix of cheese, sausage and spices, a perfect foil for the fresh spiciness of Bucher Pinot Noir. Find this recipe at merryedwards.com.