



## 2020 PINOT NOIR 'PICCOLO ROSSO' – Estate Grown, Edna Valley



To destem or not to destem is one of the first, and biggest decisions us winemakers make during a red wine's life. Destemming is the process of separating the grapes away from the stems. We have often operated dualistically, either completely destemming the clusters, or omitting the destemming step and fermenting entirely "whole cluster". The latter is the winemaking technique that gives us the potential for the special bottling of *Rosso Corsa*, a 100% whole cluster wine.

With new experiences and experimentation, we have discovered that balance, complexity, and individuality can be found and excel within the two boundaries. *Piccolo Rosso* translates to *little red* as it a deviation and iteration from *Rosso Corsa*. Whole cluster inclusion of 65% and 25% new French oak has made for an intriguing and truly standalone wine, while still reminiscent of its predecessor.

### SIP SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE – VINEYARD & WINERY

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Block 183 and 162 (Est. 2012 and 1997)
- Harvested 9/14 & 9/16
- 25.1 average Brix
- 100% native yeast, 65% whole-cluster fermentation with manual pigeage.
- 19 months in French oak barrels, 25% new.

**pH:** 3.53  
**TA:** 6.4  
**Alc:** 14.5%  
**Cases:** 204  
(6x 750mL)

Deep garnet, red color. The aromatics jump out of the glass with black tea, tomato leaf and mocha notes. The palate delivers refined, yet grippy tannins common with whole cluster inclusion and ripe, strawberry pie and dark cherry flavors.

