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At Outlier, our wines are different by design. Every aspect of our approach—from the vineyards to your glass—is thoughtful and intentional. We're inspired by nature and are committed to being proactive stewards of the environment. That's why we do things organically, using innovative regenerative dry-farming practices, natural pest management, and minimal intervention during fermentation. Even our approach to packaging is sustainably-minded. We want our wines to be a true reflection of the beautiful vineyards from which they come while protecting and restoring the ecosystem. We are proud to be blazing new trails in winemaking.

**VINEYARD INFORMATION:** This delicious wine is produced from a single, organically-farmed vineyard in the upper reaches of Spring Valley, a narrow ravine just east of Clear Lake. The cool micro-climate at Long Valley Ranch allows for the slow ripening that is so critically important when it comes to producing balanced Pinot Noir. This outlying CCOF-certified vineyard is the only one for miles around. A mix of Pinot Noir vines were established in 2015, including Dijon clones 114, 115, 667, 777, and 943. Long Valley Ranch is off the beaten path but the 10 mile drive up the dirt road leading to the vineyard is worth it...and then some!

**GROWING SEASON:** The 2022 growing season will be remembered for the continuing drought conditions of the third year of the La Niña weather pattern, frost during flowering and fruit set, and September heat and rain. These conditions led to a relatively small crop which concentrated the fresh fruit flavors and provided good tannin structure.

**WINEMAKER COMMENTS:** "Brilliant ruby red color with pleasing aromas of chaparral, cherry blossom, wild herb, rhubarb, cranberry, forest floor, mint, and truffle. An exuberant swirl of red and black fruits burst out with lushly-textured raspberry, black cherry, boysenberry, blackberry, and cara cara orange flavors that build richness toward supple, lightly dusty tannins, with uplifting acidity adding freshness. Savory iron, mocha, brown spice, and rose hip notes chime in on the resonant, saturated finish. Full of energy, this Pinot Noir is as singular and intriguing as the vineyard in which it was grown."

-DEREK ROHLFFS, WINEMAKER

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