



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Sonoma County

SOIL TYPE
clay, goldridge sandy loam

VARIETAL(S)
100% Pinot Noir

FARMING
Organic

WINEMAKER
Nicholas Maloney



2020 Father John VSOC "Very Special Old Cuvée" Pinot Noir

IMPORTED BY IPO Wines

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Father John is made in honor of the life of the late Reverend John Weaver, a renowned Episcopalian priest. Father John was extremely influential on those who were lucky enough to share their time with him. He was dedicated to a life of honesty and reverence and was committed to living in peace.

In 2010 Father John Wines was started with the idea that each wine should be true to its provenance. That is to say, each vineyard should express its own distinct character. Their wines are able to fully express their specific site and local microclimates, yet are distinctive in their structural balances and individual flavors. All of their vineyard sites have strong Pacific coast influences.

Owner Nicholas Maloney, John's grandson, started Father John Winery during his stay in France which included work in Haute Savoie, Margaux, Nuits-saint-Georges and Pernand Vergelesses in the Côte d'Or. His experiences in France influenced his philosophy of creating wines that highlight the freshness, delicacy and the acidity of Pinot over power or ripeness. They create wines at Father John that age gracefully and are designed to accompany fine cuisine.

The way they produce their wines is both simple and refined, beginning with the ancient technique of fermenting grapes whole cluster with native yeasts. This gives a structural component to the wine that is otherwise unattainable with the use of the destemmer. At every step along the way, they elect to maximize the quality and depth of wines are seldom fined and never filtered to preserve their integrity. Once fermented, wines rest for less than a year in French oak barrels from the Forest of Allier before they are bottled.

WINE NOTES

Crafted from select vineyard sites across Sonoma, California, and Mendocino, the VSOC embodies the Father John house style—pure, lifted aromatics and graceful structure. This Pinot Noir is fermented in the traditional Burgundian manner, resulting in a wine that is delicate yet persistent. Notes of wild strawberry, rose petals, coastal forest floor, and subtle baking spice create a harmonious and age-worthy profile. Elegant, balanced, and beautifully expressive, VSOC highlights the cool-climate influences of the Pacific.