



## IPO WINES

**COUNTRY**  
USA

**REGION**  
California

**APPELLATION**  
Sonoma County

**SOIL TYPE**  
Orange clay

**VARIETAL(S)**  
100% Pinot Noir

**FARMING**  
Organic

**WINEMAKER**  
Nicholas Maloney



## 2021 Father John

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

Originally planted in 2003, their Estate vineyard sits in the heart of the Russian River Valley in the town of Sebastopol. They have continued planting since 2003 to a number of different clones and rootstocks. There is also a dark orange clay in the soils that is not found elsewhere in the region. The site is balmy and foggy in the summer and mostly South facing in slope. They prune the vineyard in a head trained style and often take off foliage prior to the harvest. Gophers, bees, insects and birds thrive here and often eat much of the crop including one vintage when they ate the entire crop. They have farmed this vineyard organically and used house made compost since the vineyard was planted.

Produced from Father John's meticulously farmed Estate vineyard in Sebastopol, this exceptionally limited Pinot Noir captures the essence of the Russian River Valley. The vineyard creates a wine of remarkable depth and purity. The 2021 Estate reveals layers of black cherry, pomegranate, blood orange, and crushed herbs, supported by delicate tannins and a long, mineral-driven finish. A profound and collectible expression of a singular site.