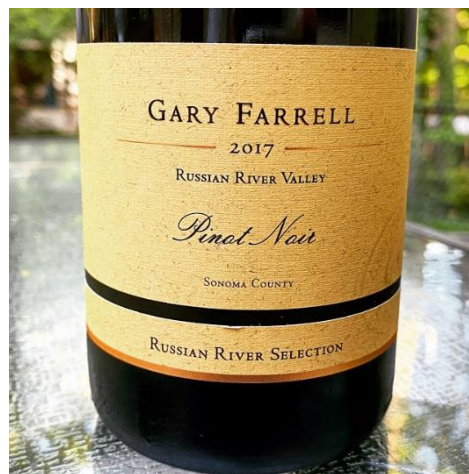


# The Nittany Epicurean

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## 2017 Gary Farrell Russian River Selection Pinot Noir

Toward the end of last week, my ongoing series of discovery of some of the great wines of California brought us a wine from a Napa winery that I've featured several times before - Castello di Amorosa. The 2017 Los Carneros Pinot Noir produced & bottled by Castello di Amorosa showed some heft on the palate, but not enough to overwhelm the delicate red berry fruit. Today, we'll head to Sonoma to enjoy the first wine from a winery new to this series:



2017 Russian River Russian Pinot Noir produced & bottled by Gary Farrell Vineyards & Winery (Healdsburg, California).

This wine is 100% pinot noir sourced from seven vineyard sites in Sonoma's Russian River Valley. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels (35% new). It comes in at 13.7% ABV.

The wine showed a light ruby color. Cherry, cranberry, raspberry, vanilla, vineyard dust and oak all arrived on a nose that delivered you right to a vineyard in the Russian River Valley. Cherry, cranberry, raspberry, rhubarb, dusty leather and oak followed on the palate where the red berry fruit was the star of the show. The wine was light-bodied and exhibited good length along with soft tannins. This wine would be an ideal pair for an array of charcuterie or grilled salmon.

This wine\* can be purchased for \$45 at the winery or [directly from the winery's website](#).

More to come from Gary Farrell Vineyards & Winery!

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