# Hale Mary Spring Release – May 2018: "And Then There Were Three"



Greetings from the Russian River! Spring and new life is at in the air after heaven- sent rains arrived in March. The cool spring season has pushed back bud break and flowering in our vineyards by a few weeks, and we are optimistic for another cool summer perfectly suited to our Hale Mary style of balanced, sensuous Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The theme of this spring release letter plays off one of the great Genesis albums of all time titled *And Then There Were Three*. While Genesis chose this name after losing their great guitar player Steve Hackett and reducing the band to just three members (Collins, Banks and Rutherford) we title this letter to celebrate our evolution and pride in the beautiful wines we are offering you this season: our 2015 Russian River Pinot Noir, our first vineyard designate 2016 Russian River Last Stop Pinot Noir, and our 2016 Russian River Chardonnay.

Details on our spring wine offerings follow. These wines are in short supply and will sell out. To order, email Katrina at Katrina@HaleMaryWine.com. Please note limited quantities of Magnums are available for both the 2015 Russian River Pinot Noir and the 2016 Russian River Last Stop Pinot Noir.

We thank you for your continued support of our most cherished project and we look forward to having the chance to share a glass with you one day soon.

Anthony, Mary and Dr. Sean Bourke Hale Mary Wine

## Hale Mary

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



#### Spring Wine Offerings

## 2015 RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR, TEAC MOR VINEYARD 13.9% Alc. (500 cases) - \$46/Bottle or \$552/Case

Alluring, sensual nose of dark stone fruit and deep complexity. The first sip reveals notes of black cherries and slightly brooding dark fruit enhanced by soft earth tones. Medium bodied, mid-palate weight highlights beautiful Russian River fruit with balanced acid on the finish. The wine is ready to drink and will age gracefully for another 5-10 years. Limited quantities of Magnums are available.



#### 2016 RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR, LAST STOP VINEYARD 13.9% Alc. (266 cases) - \$60/Bottle or \$720/Case

Our 2016 Last Stop Vineyard Pinot Noir is our first vineyard designate wine. These beautiful grapes are sourced from our friends at Silver Oak/Twomey Cellars who purchased a bucolic vineyard near Forestville at the historic site of the "Last Stop" of the old Petaluma-Santa Rosa railway, a service that transported weekenders up from San Francisco to the Russian River.

Alluring aromas of black cherry and bramble berry lead to a first sip of ample Russian River fruit with a medium weight and sensuous mouth feel. On the mid-palate the wine continues to unfold, revealing layers of dark stone fruits, forest floor and mushrooms. Ample acid throughout and a long finish make this wine a perfect pairing with salmon, poultry, and lamb. The wine will continue to evolve beautifully for 10 years or more. Limited quantities of Magnums are available.



#### 2016 RUSSIAN RIVER CHARDONNAY 14.1% Alc. (180 cases) - \$40/Bottle or \$480/Case

Holding true to our stylistic choice of minimal new oak, our 2016 Chardonnay is light gold in color and offers up pure ample Russian River fruit on the nose with notes of lightly toasted oak and quince. There is wonderful mid palate weight and mouthfeel to this wine that is deftly offset by clean acid and dried fruit. This is a food lover's wine and will pair well with fish, poultry and summer picnics. It is drinking beautifully now and should continue to evolve over the next 5-10 years.



Hale Mary is a small-lot producer of Russian River Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, handcrafted in a balanced, elegant style using fruit from some of the finest vineyards in the Russian River Valley. We use minimally interventionalist techniques designed to reveal the complex beauty of these exceptional varietals. Fewer than 1,000 cases of these wines are produced each vintage and only available through our mailing list and some of the finest restaurants in the country.

TO ORDER WINE TODAY, email Katrina at Katrina@HaleMaryWine.com.