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## TONGUE DANCER WINES FOXTROT PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2021

### Analysis

This is the second vintage of Tongue Dancer Wines' (TDW) Foxtrot. They describe it as a fun-to-drink dance of a wine and we agree. Albeit the second installment of Foxtrot it's a first in many respects as last year's inaugural Foxtrot was sourced from the Anderson Valley while this year's wine hails from Lakeview Vineyard located in the Green Valley area of Russian River Valley. Jim MacPhail has been working with fruit from this vineyard since 2007 and now it has found its way into a TDW bottle. While we were initially concerned by the change of fruit source we quickly learned that this vintage did not miss a step. The grapes were hand-picked on the morning of August 28 and gently de-stemmed — not crushed. Thrice daily punchdowns and could fermenting temperatures insured depth and a fruit-forward wine. The wine spent 11 months on the lies in French oak — 33% new oak. It was bottled unfined and lightly filtered in August of 2022. The resulting wine is truly exceptional.

**Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B+**

### Tasting Note

Brilliant, deep ruby color. The aromatics are pleasingly intense, offering scents of red cherry and wild berries with supporting notes of slate, dried herbs, black tea, and forest floor. The palate echoes the nose delivering a red and black fruits-driven core with flavors of raspberry, black fruits, earth, and truffle. The finish is long and lingering with supple tannins. Medium to full-bodied and perfectly balanced with an opulent texture.

### How to Enjoy

This wine really needs nothing but a glass but it is extremely food friendly and will flourish with anything from the grill.



**Country:** USA

**Region:** California

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Varietal:** Pinot Noir

**Retail Price:** \$40

**ABV:** 14.2%



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