



2021 PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

HISTORY

The Russian River Valley is perhaps the finest region for growing world-class Pinot Noir in all of California. The coastal climate is ideal with daily heating and cooling cycles that create the perfect conditions to cultivate this delicate grape. We produce just a small amount of Pinot Noir, hand selecting the most optimal fruit from one of our estate vineyards. Aged in small French oak barrels, this beautiful wine displays pure varietal characteristics and earthy nuances, true to the *terroir* of the Russian River Valley appellation.

GROWING SEASON

The 2021 growing season was moderate and consistent, with more typical start and end dates for our 50th harvest. Due to drought conditions we saw less shoot growth, so we gave the vines extra care and attention when managing canopies and crop loads. The shorter shoots, combined with a below average fruit set, led to our yield being down across the harvest compared to last year's. However, the quality was very high overall!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This 2021 vintage displays wonderful aromatics of black cherry, blueberry and rhubarb. Several more minutes of airing reveal notes of black tea, rose and cocoa. On the palate, flavors of raspberry and cranberry integrate with hints of baking spices, orange peel and toasty cedar. The tannins are fine with a delicate mouthfeel and beautiful complexity. This delicious Pinot Noir is flavorful and balanced with naturally high acidity and a long lingering finish.

BLEND

96% Pinot Noir
4% Petite Sirah

FERMENTATION

Fermented for 10 days in T-bins with hand punchdowns 2-3 times per day; 25% whole cluster in fermenters.

BARREL AGING

10 months in French oak; 33% new oak

ALCOHOL | 13.6%

BRIX | 24.5

PH | 3.73

TA | 6.1 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 23, 2021

VINE AGE | 20 years

SOILS

Clay loam

YIELDS

4-5 tons per acre

PREVIOUS VINTAGE

91 **90**
POINTS POINTS

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