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2021
pinot noir
anderson valley



TECHNICAL NOTES:

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
AVA: Anderson Valley
Production: 850 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%
Release Date: April 1st, 2022

VINEYARD

Just an hour north from Sonoma County is the Anderson Valley AVA, surrounded by redwood forests, bordered by the Mendocino coastline. A mix of certified sustainable and organic vineyards, Anderson Valley is much colder than other areas in California because the valley runs north-west, opening up to the Pacific Ocean. Our 2021 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir is sourced from vineyards in the "Deep End" of Anderson Valley, which is the northern end closest to the ocean. There is prominent marine influence in the region, bringing cool evenings and foggy mornings which create the perfect growing conditions for delicate grapes like Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was a classic Northern California vintage. Scarce rains in the spring prompted an earlier start to the vintage, while mild temperatures throughout the growing season allowed for prolonged flavor development and created ideal ripening conditions. 2021 was an excellent vintage that made wines with beautiful intensity and great structure.

WINEMAKING

We strive to allow the site to shine in every wine we produce. All lots of Pinot Noir undergo an extended cold soak in microfermenters until native yeast begin a spontaneous fermentation in open-top fermenters, where the grapes are punched down by hand once to twice per day. Our small lot fermentations, without any whole cluster, take upwards of a month to finish before a light pressing to barrel for their extended aging. Our Pinot Noir remains in 100% used French oak barrels for 8 months prior to bottling.

WINE

Luscious brambly fruits and woody notes are distinctive in our 2021 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir. Highly aromatic and boisterous, red raspberries, violets and redwood forest notes frame the silky, lush palate. Bright blackberry and plum flavors combine with cherry blossom and fresh cedar, highlighted by juniper and bay laurel; unique markers for Pinot Noir from this region. The wine is a rich ruby color with purple core, and refreshing brightness.

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