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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2020 PINOT NOIR

Our Pinot Noir blocks are located on the sunny side of Redwood Creek within the Hendry Vineyard, slightly west of the town of Napa, at the foot of Mt. Veeder. The elevation is between 200 and 220 feet above sea level. The soil is thin loam on a solid rock base. Morning fog and afternoon breezes from the San Pablo Bay moderate the climate, giving us long, warm summer days and cooler nights.

The Pinot Noir vines were planted between 1998 and 2015. They are all cordon-trained and spur-pruned. The average production is often less than 2 tons per acre. The diverse clones and rootstocks that make up our Pinot Noir bottlings are as follows:

Block 3, 1998: Dijon 115 clone on *Riparia gloire* rootstock

Block 4, 2014: FPS 96, 97 and 108 clones, St. George roots

Block 25, 1998: Dijon 115 clone, rootstock 101-14

Block 30, 2005: Joseph Swan field selection, rootstock 3309

Block 5, 2015: ENTAV clone 828 and FPS 115 on St. George roots

In 2020, budbreak in the Pinot Noir Blocks occurred between March 12th and March 17th. Bloom was completed between May 16th and 19th. Veraison took place between July 17th and 21st. Harvest took place from August 22nd to the 25th, with an average yield of just 1.47 tons per acre. Alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately one week using only indigenous yeasts. At dryness, the wine was pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was 11 months in French oak barrels, 50% of which were new.

Pale ruby color. Soft, perfumed red fruit, lightly spicy oak. Light-bodied, with sweet-sour red fruits like raspberry and cranberry, and initial firm structure. Varietally correct, flavors echoing the aromatic profile. Moderately firm tannins and balanced acid. Savory, medium-weight dishes with earthy flavors work best with our Pinots. Try with mushroom risotto, pork tenderloin, duck breast, herbed gougères, or any dish with herb and mushroom elements. *Note: Half bottles (375 ml, screw cap), are evolving slowly, with firm tannins and restrained fruit, but the wine opens up easily in a generously-proportioned glass.

Alcohol: 14.2%

Cases produced : 583/50 375 ml

TA : 5.9

VA : .69