



# 2019

# PINOT NOIR

Coast Grade Vineyard Santa Cruz Mountains

#### THE WINE

With more highly structured tannins than its Russian River Valley counterparts, this wine sets itself apart with a leaner core of focused acidity, earthy and raw herbaceous character and silky finish.

### SOURCING

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### **VINEYARD NOTES**

Located in the high stony slopes of the coastal side of the Santa Cruz Mountains in the heart of Bonny Doon. Attentively farmed by Jim Beauregard and his family, these are steep hillside vineyards that enjoy morning and evening fog from the San Francisco Bay.

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

Starting with rain during bloom, 2019 transitioned into a steady, slow to warm spring. Temperate throughout the summer, offering only a couple intermittent heat spikes. Average yields and incredible quality with harvest beginning in early August.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented separately in small open-top fermenters with gentle punch-downs. Maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, basket-pressed, and racked to 30% new, 45% once used French oak barrels for 12 months.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Earthy notes of cherry bark, hibiscus, and dried mushroom with touches of fragrant orange zest. Fleshy, with fresh black raspberry, red currant and sweet nutmeg with an undercurrent herbaceous tones, flanked by racy acidity, silky mouthfeel and a subtle salinity.

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