



Martin Ray

2021

PINOT NOIR
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

Coast Grade, Black Ridge

VINEYARD NOTES

Two distinctly unique vineyards, that benefit from high elevation and proximity to the coast. Coast Grade, on the western side, in the heart of Bonny Doon, and Black Ridge, located more inland above Lexington Reservoir, each experience drastic diurnal shifts within their respective microclimates.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

VINTAGE NOTES

The culmination of factors from another drought year in California surprised us with a beautiful vintage. An unseasonably dry and mild winter, which led to an early spring, forced the vines into bud break during peak frost season. A relatively warm, but even summer, resulted in early harvest dates, with lower-than-average yields

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 French oak barrels for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Juicy notes of black cherry, and Satsuma plum, with touches of cedar and spearmint. Fleshy, with deep red fruit, and fragrant fresh mace, flanked by fresh acidity, round mouthfeel, and earthy undertones.

RELEASE DATE

August 2022



BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.5°

pH: 3.56

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.5 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.3%