

Landmark Vineyards



2019 GRAND DETOUR PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged (33% new) for 10 months
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2020
ALCOHOL	14.4%

VINEYARD NOTES

Our 2019 Grand Detour Pinot Noir was sourced from Landmark's historic Hop Kiln Estate located on Westside Road. The iconic stone Hop Kiln, built in 1905 and registered as a California Historical Landmark, is in the heart of the famed Russian River Valley affectionately known as "The Middle Reach". Working closely with Estate Vineyard Manager David Smith, we were able to harvest the fruit at optimum timing while employing our best practices in the vineyard. Crafting this wine from Estate fruit gives winemaker Greg Stach opportunities to select his favorite blocks with unique grape and rootstock combinations. Delivering the night harvested hand-picked and field sorted grapes to the winery in the early morning hours retains the integrity and desired characteristics of the fruit. The 2019 growing season at Hop Kiln was without the roller coaster heat events that unnaturally hasten maturity, therefore producing grapes of ideal sugar to acid balance, leading to a rich and balanced wine for your enjoyment.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Grand Detour is primarily sourced from our own Hop Kiln Estate Vineyard located in the Middle Reach Neighborhood of the Russian River Valley. The fruit was hand-picked, at night the first two weeks of September. Each lot was sorted into one-ton fermenters and allowed to cold soak for five days before fermentation. During fermentation, the bins were gently punched twice a day to extract color, flavor and tannin. At dryness, the free-run wine is drained into French oak barrels (33% new) where it ages with racking for ten months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby in color featuring complex aromas of red cherry and ripe strawberry fruit with cola, leather, and subtle roasted coffee notes. The palate is bold and rich with flavors of red cherry, ripe strawberry, an accent of earthy rhubarb with cola and black licorice spice showing fine, velvety tannins on the mid-palate and through a long finish of sustained fruit, cedar, smoke, and dried herbs.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 Grand Detour Pinot Noir shows a depth of flavor that pairs well with flavorful foods like a pan seared duck breast with a berry and pinot reduction, or pulled pork sandwiches.

WINERY HISTORY

Nestled at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains in the Sonoma Valley, Landmark Vineyards epitomizes the rustic grace and beauty of Sonoma County. Since 1974, Landmark has been dedicated to producing handcrafted, ultra-premium Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, sourcing grapes from unique vineyard sites throughout California to create rich, balanced wines.

TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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