

Landmark Vineyards

2021 HOP KILN ESTATE PINOT NOIR



VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
BARREL REGIME	French oak-aged (40% new) for 10 months
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2022
ALCOHOL	14.4% by volume

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Hop Kiln Estate Vineyard continues to provide our winemaker, Greg Stach, with fruit of exceptional quality and diversity. Greg Stach has the enviable choice of deciding which vineyard block, which clone and rootstock combination, and, ultimately, which harvest date to use to maximize the selection and high quality of our estate-grown fruit. The wine grapes for our fifth offering of the Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir were hand-harvested and field-sorted at night to ensure grape quality and integrity. The fruit arrived at the winery before the light of day, ready for the cellar crew to begin the transformation of grapes to wine and for the magic to begin. We continue to be very proud of this estate Pinot Noir, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2021 vintage Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir was derived from multiple clonal blocks from all four elevations in the vineyard. At harvest, each block was destemmed into one-ton fermenters and cold-soaked for five days before fermentation to gently extract color and flavor. During fermentation, the wine was gently punched down twice a day, drained, and pressed at dryness. The free run was then put into French oak barrels (40% new) and allowed to age sur-lie for 10 months. The wine was racked and blended shortly before bottling. In total, 39 barrels were produced.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby at the core with aromas of ripe black cherry, black raspberry, and strawberry with well-integrated savory notes of barrel spice, sweet tobacco, and vanilla. The palate is medium-bodied, showing red plum, cranberry, and blackberry fruit on entry, followed on the midpalate by subtle earthy notes of fall leaves and chanterelle mushrooms with textured tannins. The lengthy finish is balanced and complex with deep savory notes of cocoa and leather that blend seamlessly with the persistent fruit notes.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2021 Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir has that perfect Russian River-balanced mix of flavors and textural presence that nicely complements richly flavored dishes, such as a garlic- and herb-roasted leg of lamb with Taleggio and green-onion polenta, or Shorbet Adas, a traditional Lebanese lentil soup spiced with cumin and turmeric.