



2021 PINOT NOIR ANDERSON VALLEY ESTATE PINOLE

WINEMAKER: Stéphane Vivier

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

CASE PRODUCTION: 726 cases (6/750ml)

SOIL TYPE: Pinole Loam

BLOCKS: 3, 4, 10 & 11

CLONES: Calera, 777 & 828

VITICULTURE: Organically farmed using deficit irrigation

FERMENTATION:

- Skin contact for 14-16 days
- Short, cold maceration
- 7-10 day fermentation at high temperature

ELEVAGE:

- 21 months in 30% new French oak
- Fine to very fine oak grain
- Filtration: unfined and unfiltered

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

"Medium-deep ruby in color. A lovely nose; very charming, classy, and distinguished, with pennyroyal flower, fresh forest strawberry and violet flowers. The wine is dense, elegant and racy on the palate, with textural refinement, silky mouthfeel and an everlong finish. Return of strawberry and violet flavors with note of vanilla add to its complexity. The 2021 Pinole will age gracefully for years to come and would be helped by a simple decanting in its first 5 years of life." – Stéphane Vivier

VINTAGE NOTES:

2021 will be remembered as an extreme vintage and certainly considered as one of the best of recent memories. Pronounced drought conditions resulting in lower yields were combined with mild Spring and Summer conditions. It allowed the fruit to ripened slowly and the dry weather provided unique concentration of aromas and flavors, all the while keeping the acidities high. Perfectly balanced the wines are a true glimpse of this unique vintage, concentrated and lively at the same time.

LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.