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2021 PINOT NOIR *Gap's View Vineyard*

APPELLATION Sonoma Coast

HARVEST DATE September 9th, 2021

pH 3.45

TA 6.35

ABV 13.5%

BARREL REGIME Aged in French Oak barrels from Francois Frere cooperage

CASES PRODUCED 21

RELEASE DATE March 2023



VINTAGE NOTES

The spring of 2021 was an extremely dry. There was very little rain that winter and we moved back into serious drought conditions by early spring. On 4/19/2021 the water from Lake Mendocino was shut off at our Redwood Valley Grape Ranch (and remains shut off as of 8/9/22). No water at all was made available for Agriculture. The lack of soil moisture led to weaker shoot growth and very poor fruit set. Coastal sites with more fog and general ambient moisture did better. Inland vineyards were the most affected. Overall the crop in Sonoma County was about 15% below normal. Coming on the heels of the total disaster of 2020 (which had two major fires in the middle of the growing season) this left wineries scrambling to find fruit. The 2021 vintage is excellent but small.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Gap's View Pinot Noir offers a nose Black Cherry Blossom and spice. The palate displays notes of Black Cherry, Black Current, and Cola. This is a classic Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir with a lovely texture and abundant, but subtle, structure. I love the layers in this wine.

The Sonoma Coast is the only place I source Pinot Noir from and Gap's View lies in the heart of the Petaluma Gap section of the Sonoma Coast. Abundant afternoon winds keep the grapes clean and free of rot and cool temperatures mean the grapes ripen with great acidity and balance. I think you will really enjoy the 2021 expression of this excellent site