

2021 PINOT NOIR Platt Vineyard

APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast
HARVEST DATE	Sept 18th, 28th and Oct 5th, 2021
рН	3.54
ТА	6
ABV	14%
CASES PRODUCED	223
BARREL REGIMEN	Barrel fermented and then aged in Atelier and Millard barrels. 22% new
RELEASE DATE	September 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

We are always focused first on the vineyard site, second on the farming, and third on the winemaking. Our Platt Pinot Noir is from one of the greatest Pinot Noir sites in the new world and is farmed at the very highest level.

The defining attribute of the Platt Vineyard is its exceptional fruit purity. Year after year this site produces Grand Cru quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and 2021 was no different. The nose offers Cherry Blossom and Rose hips. On the palate there are notes of Red Cherry, Pomegranate, and Red Plum. This vintage in particular is red fruit driven. It is a beautifully integrated, harmonious, seamless wine.

The Sonoma Coast is the only place I source Pinot Noir from. I believe that the top New World Pinot Noirs come predominantly from this special slice of Sonoma County and Platt is among the most special sites on the Coast.

