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PINOT NOIR MARIN COUNTY

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THE GROWING SEASON

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

WINEMAKING

Marin, with its rolling green hills and proximity to the Pacific Ocean, has few vineyards planted. The cool winds from the Coast make it an excellent place for expressing Pinot Noir that has naturally abundant acidity, and therefore focus. Crops in general were small this year but this was an especially small yield for Pinot Noir. The wine was fermented with indigenous yeasts, and bottled after 12 months in neutral French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Lush exotic spices such as Mace and Neroli, enfolded by delicate tannins. Crafted for extended maturation, yet presently displaying breathtaking beauty.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Marin County

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.1

PH: 3.6

ALCOHOL: 14.08%

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