

Ernest Vineyards

Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir / 2021

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THE VINEYARD: Ever expanding our understanding of the Freestone-Occidental subregion, in this vintage we added a new source into our existing blend. Still a collection of our fruit forward barrels from Freestone combined with the Petaluma Gap site, the new site offers density of fruit and color while maintaining the aromatics that we require out of this bottling. Primary fermentation on native yeasts with a small amount of stem inclusion, this wine is aged in 228L French Oak barrels, 25% new. Bottled at nine months of elevage with a light filtration.

TASTING NOTES: A beautiful and deep ruby color greets the eyes with nuances of purple and pink. On the nose, the red fruit notes are very assertive, with loads of red cherries and red plum aromas, followed by red licorice and a touch of cassis. The first impression is that of a fuller-bodied and fruity Pinot Noir and that is completely confirmed on the palate. The wine is drier than suggested, with a serious mid-palate grip. The tannins are ripe and complementary to the concentrated fruit and acidity of the wine. This is a serious example of an Appellation wine and all the complex flavors and firm structure suggests it would benefit from aging, or if you are enjoying it sooner, a juicy steak would be an appropriate companion.

ALC. BY VOL: 13%

AGING: 25% NEW FRENCH OAK

LENGTH: 8 MONTHS

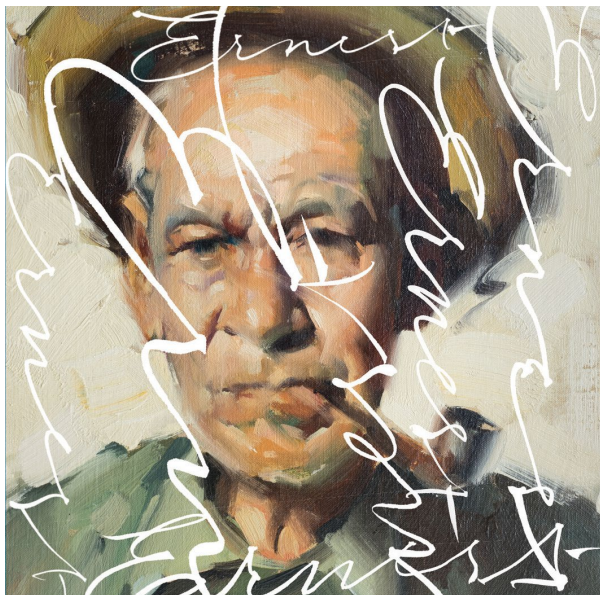
WINEMAKER: JOSEPH RYAN

CASES PRODUCED: 750

CLONES: 115,667, CALERA, 777
POMMARD

HARVEST DATE: 9/18 & 10/7

HARVEST BRIX: 22.5



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